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TWO ITALIAN DIVISIONS BESIEGED AT BARDIA

PIRELLI WORKS WRECKED

When British heavy bombers raided Milan on Wednesday night a great rectangular fire a quarter of a mile long was left flaring in the Pirelli works, which hold large stocks of rubber and are well-known for the manufacture of motor tyres.

The works are particularly vulnerable to air attacks, says the Air Ministry news service, since they lie between two conspicuous railway systems and can be recognised with comparative ease.

Though the raiding force was not large the attack was remarkably effective.

TOXIC POISONING CAUSED DEATH OF AMBASSADOR

Lord Lothian's death was due to toxic poisoning, which affected his heart, according to accounts received in London from the British Embassy in Washington.

This statement was made by Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons yesterday.—Reuter.

One pilot said: "Scores of fires started by our incendiaries merged into a huge oblong blaze with explosions continually bursting up through the flames."—Reuter.

Iron Grip Of Wavell Army Tightening

THE GREATER PART OF TWO ITALIAN DIVISIONS, IT WAS ESTIMATED IN CAIRO LAST NIGHT, ARE IN THE IRON GRIP OF THE BRITISH SIEGE OF BARDIA.

The strength of the Imperial forces around the Italian base is increasing hourly as lorry-loads of supporting infantry are rushed up.

Although no confirmation can be obtained it is believed the British advanced mobile forces have cut the coastal road winding along the cliffs from Bardia to Tobruk.

AGAIN A BOMBLESS DAY

Little enemy air activity occurred over Britain during daylight yesterday and no bombs were dropped in any area.

A pilot in the Fighter Command squadron which helped save the destroyer Javelin from bombing attacks when she was recently disabled by enemy action, shot down a Dornier 17 bomber off the West Country.

The London area had its first alert last night since Monday but it was of comparatively short duration.

A few high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped in one London area.—Reuter.

JAPANESE HINT TO GERMANY?

An Ambassador who recently stated in an interview that the friendship between Germany and the Soviet could not last, has been re-appointed Japanese Ambassador to Berlin.

He is Lt.-Gen. Oshima, who was Ambassador to Berlin until November, 1939.

The Japanese Government has decided to recall Ambassador Kurusu and re-appoint Gen. Oshima, and the German Government has agreed.

It was in an interview with a Japanese newspaper last July that Lt.-Gen. Oshima declared: "Hitler has confirmed the opinion that Russia must be defeated in war, not because Russia is a Communist country, but because Hitler believes the Slav race is impeding the development of the German people."—Reuter.

Britain is no less conscious of her need for a constant increasing effort.—Reuter.

MILITARY CONTROL OF EIRE PORTS

The ports of Galway and Sligo, on the west coast of Eire, have been placed under total military control by an order made yesterday by the Minister of Defence in Dublin.

The step appears to be a continuation of the Eirean policy of preparedness against an invader.

Special defence measures have been in operation since the capitulation of France, and since July the ports of Dublin, Cork, Kingstown, Bantry Bay and Lough Swilly have been under military direction.—Reuter.

ITALIANS GAOLED FOR LISTENING-IN

A Rome message reaching Switzerland says that several Italians in Padua have been sent to prison and fined 500 lira each for listening to BBC broadcasts in Italian.—Reuter.

LULL BEFORE THE STORM?

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

THERE HAS BEEN A SEEMING LULL IN GERMANY'S WAR EFFORT FOR SOME DAYS PAST AND WHETHER THIS IS THE LULL BEFORE THE STORM, OR AFTER, REMAINS TO BE SEEN.

It must not be overlooked that for fifteen and a half months the Germans have been exerting their strength to the utmost.

They have overrun six countries and are in virtual occupation of two others, Rumania and Slovakia.

In the air they have maintained an almost constant succession of raids by day and night, but this has been slackening both in intensity and duration, possibly owing to the weather.

Only at sea is there an increase of activity, in German pressure, but German naval activity is confined to U-boat operations with occasional sorties by raiders and E-boat formations.

In the diplomatic and the round of visits of Ribbentrop and of various statements has quietly faded out.

Laval Background

German propaganda has ceased talking about Ribbentrop's surprise in store.

There is an embarrassed silence regarding the background of Laval's disgrace.

With regard to Italy there have been more sympathetic references in the German press to the remarkable powers of recuperation of the Italian armies, but beyond emphasising the unity of the Axis, the papers do not allude to material aid.

Lull's Warning

But as Mr. Churchill stated in his speech yesterday, Hitler waited a long time in complete quiescence before he struck the terrible blows which shattered France.

As the Prime Minister indicated, however, even if Hitler is not letting the grass grow under his feet in the present temporary lull.

Top new item the field of science this year was the brand new electric refrigerator for home use. Resulting from more than three years of rigid laboratory tests and experiments, the new refrigerator is triple-acting for new-perfect preservation of all types of food.

A product of the extensive laboratories maintained in Philadelphia, Pa., by the Philco Radio and Television Corp., the new device, while no larger than the ordinary present day refrigerator, embodies three types of cold and two distinct methods of preservation. Three separate compartments in the top hold three types of food, a dry all-purpose compartment for meats, poultry, fish, and butter, a second compartment for cooked meats, vegetables, and fruits, and a third for frozen foods and desserts.

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ITALIAN FRONTIER RUMOURS

Reports that German troops have reached Italy have been received on the Italian frontier where, according to a diplomatic source, they number between five and six divisions.

No confirmation of this report is available from any other source, and an American correspondent who has just arrived from Rome says there was no evidence of any important German forces in Italy when he left.

The correspondent adds it seems certain the Italian people would greatly resent the presence of large numbers of foreign troops on Italian territory.

Authoritative quarters in London said yesterday that confirmation is lacking of the reports, which also said German troops were in Libya.

Reuter learns that such reports are regarded with considerable reserve.—Reuter.

ADMIRAL LEAHY SAILING FOR VICHY

Admiral Leahy, new American Ambassador to the Vichy Government, will sail on board an American cruiser from Norfolk, Virginia, en route to Vichy via Lisbon accompanied by his wife, announced the Admiral after a farewell visit to President Roosevelt in Washington yesterday.—Reuter.

SOLDIERS CHARGED

Seven men of the Royal Norfolk Regiment were charged on remand at Epsom with stealing property from houses said to have been damaged by aerial bombardment.

Major Fitzgerald handed in a letter from the commanding officer of the regiment asking that the men should be handed over to the military to be dealt with by general court-martial. Mr. W. H. Chitty, who defended, objected that the men would not be legally represented. Major Fitzgerald said that they would have a fair trial.

FIRM ATTITUDE ON DEVELOPMENTS IN TANGIER

FIRM WORDS about the situation in Tangier were used by the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, replying to the Commons debate yesterday on the position in the International Zone.

Mr. F. Cocks (Labour), who initiated the debate, said the situation was a very grave one and demanded even drastic steps by Britain to preserve the neutrality and unfortified character of Tangier.

After reviewing developments leading up to the dissolution of the International Administration, Mr. Butler said that as a result of a further coup on December 13

and although the officer appointed to represent them might not be a legal man, the Judge Advocate would be.

The charges were withdrawn on the understanding that the men were handed over to a military court. Two Canadian soldiers charged with similar offences were dealt with in the same way.

"the most definite language is being used by the local Consul-General in Tangier and the British Ambassador, both to the authorities in Tangier and to the Spanish Government in Madrid.

"We are particularly anxious to know what is the practical effect of the general assurances about British subjects, which were given at the beginning of December, and we are concerning ourselves about the future of British personnel in the Administration.

Negotiations Proceeding

"Not only have British officials received this treatment at the hands of the Spanish authorities but also foreign officials of other nations concerned, who are for the most part French or Italian.

"Similar treatment has been meted out to all.

"There are some 1,700 British residents in Tangier and it is about these that we have received some assurances, and about the officials we are making strong and definite representations in the negotiations which are now proceeding.

"Signatories of the Tangier Statute are France, Spain, the United Kingdom and Italy. The Netherlands, Belgium, Portugal and Sweden are adherents.

"I cannot speak for Italy and France but I understand the Netherlands and Belgium have protested with us against the Spanish action. Meanwhile we have informed the Portuguese and Swedish Governments of the action we are taking.

Spain's Independence

"The United States are fully aware of the position and there is contact between us."

Mr. Butler disclosed that the British Consul-General in Tangier had been invited to proceed at once to Madrid to assist Sir Samuel Hoare, our Ambassador, in his discussions with the Spanish Government.

This illustrated the importance attached to the discussions at present in progress.

Continuing, Mr. Butler said it had always been the policy of the British Government to encourage Spain to adopt an independent policy, and despite propaganda put about by Britain's enemies and any steps which they might take to give a false impression, the British Government's attitude remained. "Spain can be independent if her people are properly guided."—Reuter.

RAID ON ITALIAN OUTPOST

A Nairobi communique says that a Somaliland frontier post has been reduced to ruins by our troops who, after destroying all stores and materials of no value to them, burned the buildings.

Our troops then returned to their base.

We lost two men killed, and 12 were wounded. The Italians lost 50 killed and 120 prisoners.

After the flight of the commander, the Italian troops followed him.

Some of the Africans courageously tried to continue fighting, but without effect.—Reuter.

WINTER RELIEF IN HOLLAND

New Nazi Trick To 'Get Money'

It is a commonplace that wherever German soldiery sets foot destitution is rampant. So the former prosperous Holland will now also have her "winter relief," instituted at the behest of Seyss-Inquart, Reich Commissioner for Holland.

It is to be feared that the greater part of the collections will not reach the needy, but will go to strengthen the Nazis.

Holland, traditional country of fishermen, has to import her fish from Scandinavia. This is not only because fishing in the North Sea has become extremely dangerous, but in consequence of German looting, which has created an acute scarcity of food.

The German-inspired attempts to form a single political party in the Netherlands have had no results. At a joint meeting of the two largest Protestant parties, recently held in Amsterdam, Dr. Slotemaker de Bruine, an ex-Minister in the Cabinet of Dr. Colijn, and leader of the Christian Historical Party, rejected totalitarianism.

"Do not expect of us that we shall, for the sake of national unity, drive out of public life that which is most sacred to us," he said, "Spiritual freedom lies in our blood—freedom of religion, school and opinion."

The Police Commissioner of The Hague has again been obliged to warn the public against sabotage, such as the demolition of military traffic signals placed by the Germans.

Messages By Stork

Reports from Johannesburg state that the Dutch are using storks to tell the world of their plight.

Farmers are said to have found migratory storks dead, with messages, "To brothers in South Africa," printed in marking ink on tape sewn round their legs.

One message said: "We inhabitants of Bergen Op Zoom tell you that the German occupation is just Hell." Another stated that the Dutch people were dying under the injustices of Nazism.

WHEN CHILDREN OUTGROW THEIR STRENGTH

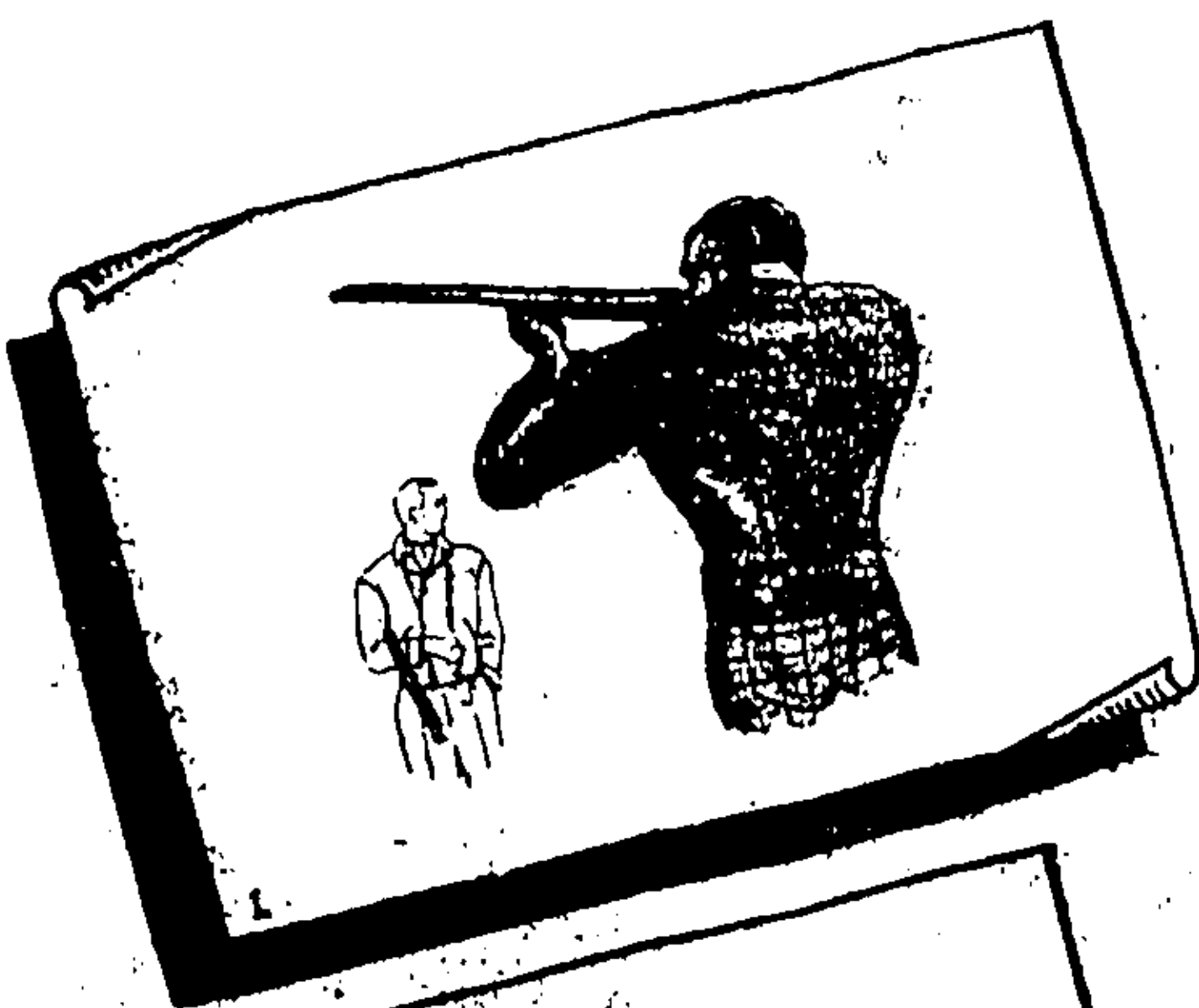
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PREMIER'S NOTE OF WARNING

Disastrous To Think Mortal Dangers Are Past

Hitler's Need For Quick Results

"WE STILL HAVE ONLY A HALF ARMED NATION FIGHTING A FULLY ARMED NATION WHICH HAS ALREADY PASSED SATURATION POINT IN ITS ARMAMENTS," SAID MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL IN HIS WAR REVIEW IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY.

Mr. Churchill added: "But during 1941 we shall become a well armed nation too. It takes three to four years to put the industries of a country on a war basis.

"The Germans reached the culminating point when we ourselves were still only in the second year but by the efforts that are being made and the great supplies reaching us from the United States we hope we shall be well armed during 1941.

"Let members now returning to their constituencies use their influence to help the good work, to sustain morale, if that is necessary, and to speed the work of production.

"We are by no means content. We must never be content. (Cheers).

"We must continue to strive to do our utmost to see that our men have weapons worthy of the task they are to perform.

First Fruits

"What I say in respect of munitions applies with equal force to food production in all its forms.

"When I spoke recently of the years 1943-1944 I did not mean I believed the war would continue until then, but in matters like agriculture and shipbuilding you have got to look ahead.

"If you did not work plans on that scale you would not even get the first fruits that come forward in good time.

"Anything that can be done to increase the volume of food production would be the wisest insurance for the later years of this war, assuming it should be prolonged for such a period, which is by no means impossible.

Mortal Dangers

"It would be a disaster if anyone supposed the supreme mortal dangers are passed. They are not.

"There are dangers of a prolonged deadlock but there may be also more immediate dangers.

"The winter season offers some advantages to the invader to counter-balance those which belong to the summer season.

"It would be a lack of prudence amounting to crime if vigilance were relaxed. (Cheers). We must watch from hour to hour the menace which still exists in full force so short a distance away.

Defence Of Shores

"I may say that the defence of our shores is complete. From the north of Scotland, round Ireland, enormous masses of guns, machine-guns, fortified posts and every defence device are erected and are guarded by large numbers of ardent and well-trained men, but we are not making the mistake which was made by the French General Staff when they thought the Maginot Line was all that was necessary.

"We have now got a very large army capable of moving to any place with great rapidity and going into action in a stronger, counter-offensive, and therefore one can have good confidence in our power to beat the enemy, supposing he should succeed in setting foot in any strength on these shores.

"Nevertheless we must remember that Hitler—I should certainly deprecate any comparison between Hitler and Napoleon because I don't want to insult the dead—wields gigantic power and he has a great need of doing something in the near future."

WHAT THE ARMY IS DOING

Our men have out-fought the enemy because of their valour, their belief in the cause for which they are fighting and because they are infinitely better trained, said Mr. Anthony Eden, Secretary for War, yesterday.

"Both in equipment and training there are no troops anywhere in the world to compare with those of the British Commonwealth," he continued.

Every munition order delivered shortens the duration of the war. Production is the key to victory.

He hoped to hear no more of the question which has been put once or twice of late—"What is the army doing?"

The answer is:—

"The Army is learning its job and the African successes show the reward of long periods of training."

The better our troops know their job, the less men we will lose winning the fight.—Reuter.

DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES FOR BRITISH ALLIES

A BILL TO CONFER diplomatic privileges on the Allied and associated Governments in Britain received its second reading in the House of Lords yesterday.

Object of the Bill, according to the Lord Chancellor, Viscount Simon, proposes to confer a position, corresponding to that of members of the Diplomatic Corps upon members and senior officials of Allied Governments stationed in Britain, namely, Poland, Norway, the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg and the Provisional Czechoslovak Government, as well as upon leaders and senior officials, such as the Free French movement established in Britain.

A second clause of the Bill is intended to meet the case of foreign diplomatic envoys and their staffs accredited to Allied Governments which, at present are in Britain because the Allied Governments are here.

CHESS RESULTS

K. M. A. Barnett beat W. Lee and D. E. de Carvalho beat M. W. Olsuleff in the Senior Tournament of the Kowloon Chess Club last night.

GREEKS BATTLE ON IN SEVERE WEATHER

DESPITE SEVERE WEATHER, the Greeks are still attacking the Italians in Albania, taking more prisoners and war materials.

In the south, Greek artillery is pounding away at the coastal town of Cimarre and also hammering away at Tepelini and Klissoura.

There are many reports of blizzards.

One message says that Greek troops found the bodies of Italian officers and men who died of hunger and exposure when they laid down in the snow during their retreat.

Valona was raided by the R.A.F. on Wednesday, the attack being directed against the seaplane base, docks and warehouses.

All bombs fell on the target and a warehouse was seen on fire.

Italian fighters put up a stiff opposition and during a 20-minute combat, at least one is believed to have been shot down.

One of our machines had to make a forced landing while returning to its base, but all the rest got home safely.—Reuter.

Emblem Of Regard

Suggesting that the Bill might be regarded in a more or less prosaic manner, Viscount Simon said: "I wish to present it as an emblem of the regard and sympathy with which His Majesty's Government feel for the Allied Governments that did not lose heart when their countries were successfully struck down by the treacherous and brutal aggression of the enemy."

Both the Liberal and Labour parties supported the Bill and paid tributes to the assistance rendered by the Allied Governments and the Free French movement in Britain.—Reuter.

SEIZURE OF NAZI BUND RECORDS IN U.S.

The seizure of the records of the German-American Bund in Chicago and the Teutonia Publishing Company were ordered by the judge of the municipal court yesterday.

Both concerns are being used for non-payment of personal property taxes.—Reuter.

GREEKS FULL OF CONFIDENCE

"Victory will be ours and it will be the most glorious victory of our history," declares General Papagos, Commander-in-Chief of the Greek Army, in an Order of the Day, according to Athens radio last night.

Addressing his officers and men he says: "All Greece is proud of you and grateful to you, and the whole world watches you with admiration.

"You have not ceased to repulse the aggressor, to dislodge him successively from all his fortified positions and afterwards pursue him continuously without respite. The blows you have dealt have placed the enemy in a very difficult position. A great part of his forces are dispersed and demoralised.

"The enemy is giving way before you and in Africa before the British."

General Papagos expressed the certainty that the enemy would be hurled back into the sea.—Reuter.

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SUN. MON. "ANDY HARDY GETS SPRING FEVER"

APPLAUSE IN BRITAIN FOR ROOSEVELT PLAN

NOT ONLY WILL President Roosevelt's plan for aid to Britain be welcomed by us as a great and noble gesture, said the London "Times" yesterday, but as offering a method all the more brilliant because of its simplicity of getting over an embarrassing difficulty.

No one this side of the Atlantic, adds the newspaper, imagined the United States would let us lose the war by withholding over any question of dollars such arms as she is able to supply.

WEST END SHOPS CARRY ON

Women were doing serious shopping in Oxford Street and Bond Street recently. It was not just a case of sight-seeing near the shops which suffered in the air raid and which have since been closed because of unexploded bombs.

Many of the customers had travelled from the suburbs; others had come up to London from the home counties, confident that the departments they wanted would be ready to serve them.

In Bond Street, where there is a good deal of air raid havoc, tremendous efforts have been made to carry on. A large military and naval tailoring establishment which was burned out has taken its orders and its workpeople to a branch shop, where it will keep going.

A Brisk Week-End

A fashionable florist was serving its customers in the street itself and the manageress said that in spite of two bombings, which carried away the plate glass as well as the window frame and wrecked the back of the shop, the staff were doing their work much as usual. They went on making up bouquets, were sent out to decorate churches for weddings and were fulfilling orders for flowers cabled from Canada and the United States as bouquets for friends in London.

John Lewis and Co. set up an out-of-door information bureau for the benefit of would-be customers and those who were anxious to inquire about orders given before the bombing.

Practically the whole staff of Borne and Hollingsworth cooperated during the week-end to get the store ready for business. There was so much broken glass, however, that it will be a day or two before the departments can open. The factory, busy with Government orders, has never closed; and the firm's workrooms are carrying on as usual.

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OFFICER'S HOAX ON REGIMENT

Pretended To Be The G.O.C.

Telephoned instructions which purported to be given by the General Officer Commanding and led to soldiers having to stand to during the night, were described at a general court-martial at Farnborough, when Lt. Carlton Morris Shufflebotham, 27, of the Royal Tank Regt., pleaded guilty to two charges of conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline when on active service.

The particulars of the charge alleged that he twice rang up the orderly officer of his regiment from the officers' mess and pretended to be the G.O.C., Aldershot Command.

The first occasion was at 1.30 a.m. on Aug. 28, and it was then that Shufflebotham gave an order that the regiment was to stand to until 2 a.m.

Evidence was given that 85 men dressed and turned out in consequence of the telephone messages.

Shufflebotham admitted impersonating the G.O.C. and told the court it would not have happened but for the fact that it was guest night at the mess and he stayed there late and had a few more drinks than usual.

The finding of the court will be made known later.

The difficulty was technical but nonetheless serious, since the critical testing-time cannot be many months ahead when we will need every ship, plane and tank we can acquire.

The journal predicts some opposition in America to the plan but "on the other hand there will be many who will hail it as a first opportunity in a world bedevilled by finance and who will be enormously relieved by the prospect that at the end of the war the world will be spared the nightmare of unpayable war debts and reparations which, after 1918, helped to produce such conditions as made social unrest, Hitlerism and war almost inevitable."—Reuter.

DEPENDS ON WHO GETS HURT?

THE AXIS PARTNERS APPARENTLY DO NOT AGREE ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE OPERATIONS IN THE WESTERN DESERT.

Thus, Rome Radio calls it:—"The most gigantic battle ever seen in colonial history."

On the other hand, the Nazi newspaper "Voelkische Beobachter" calls it:—"A local success for the British!"—Reuter.

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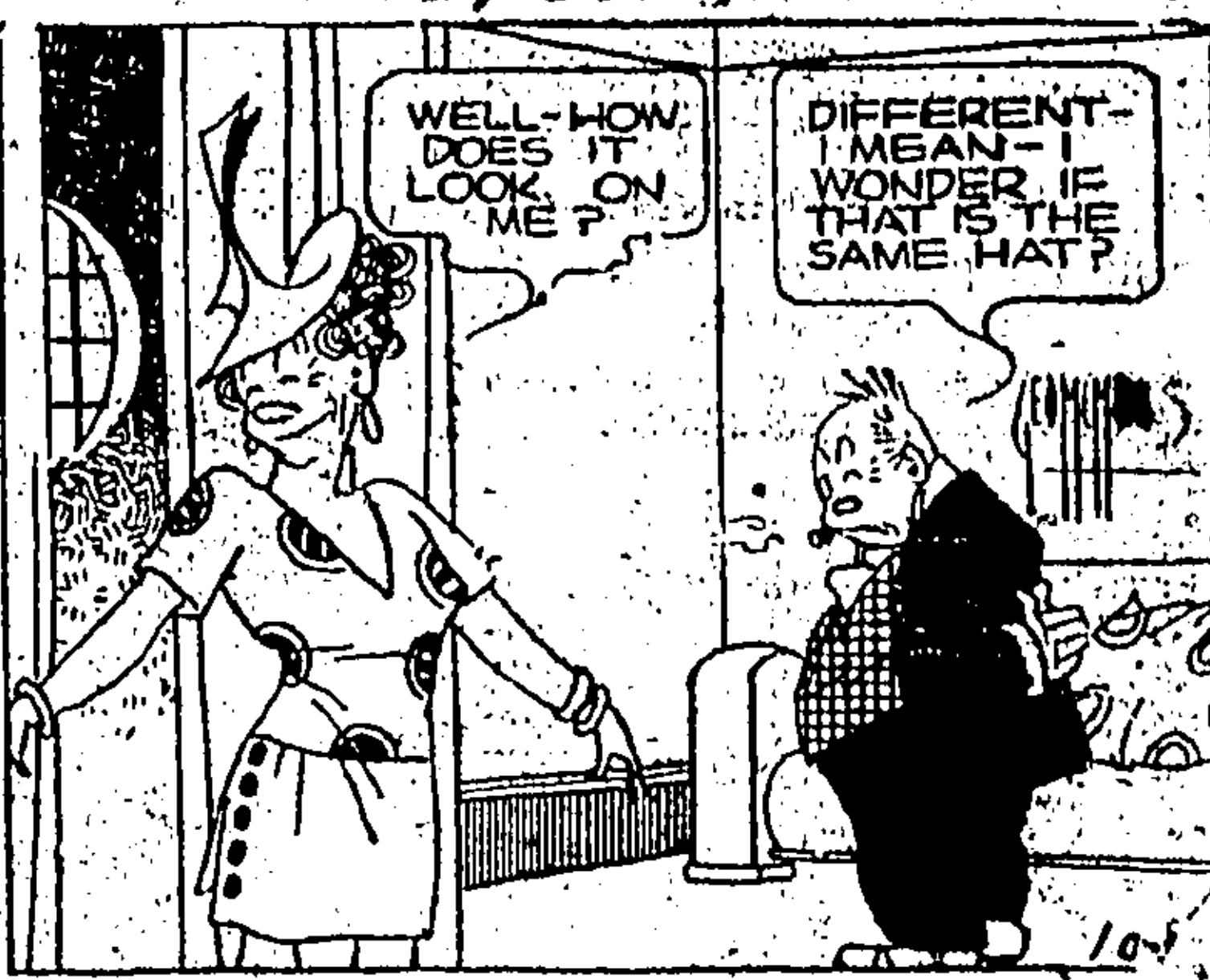
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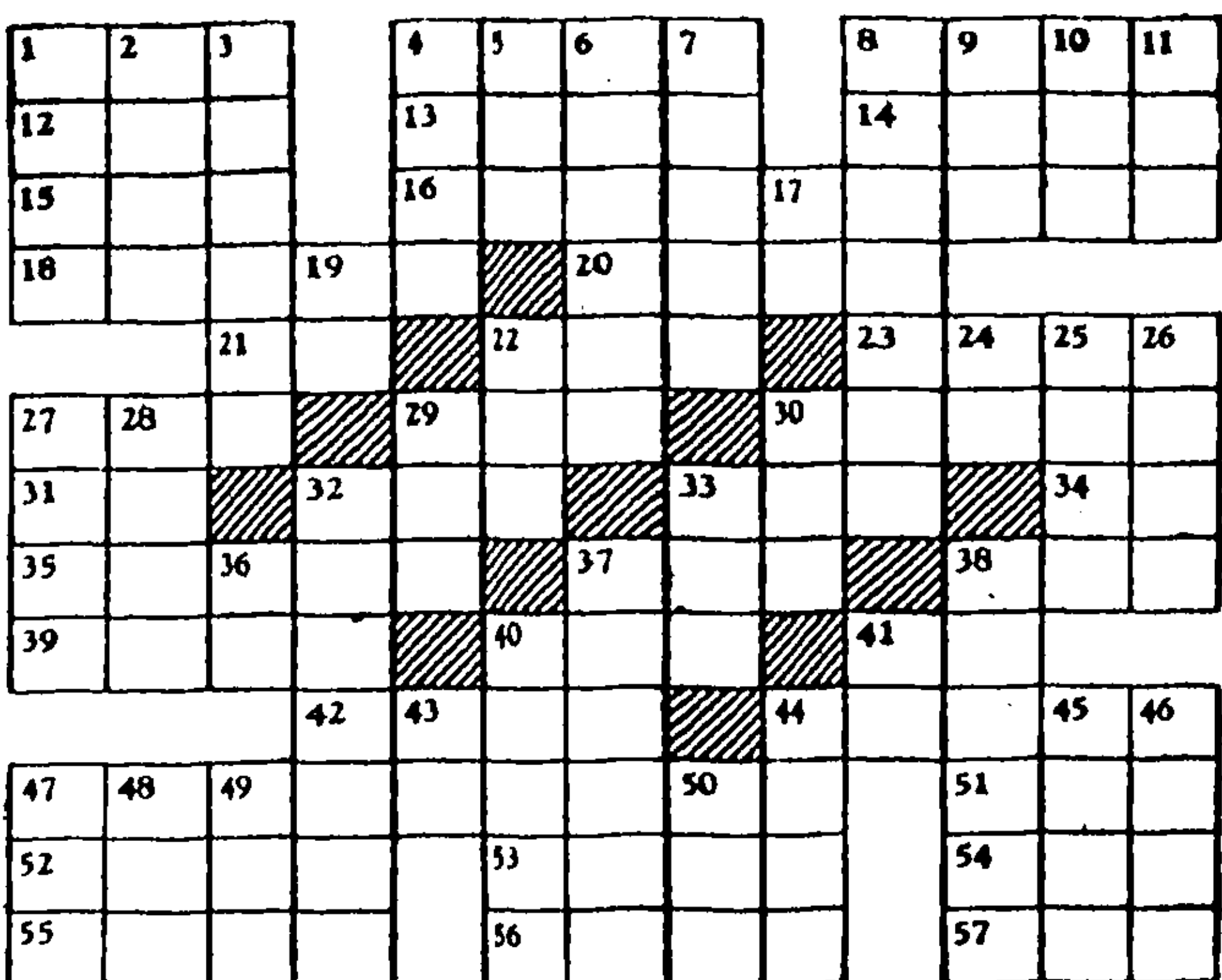
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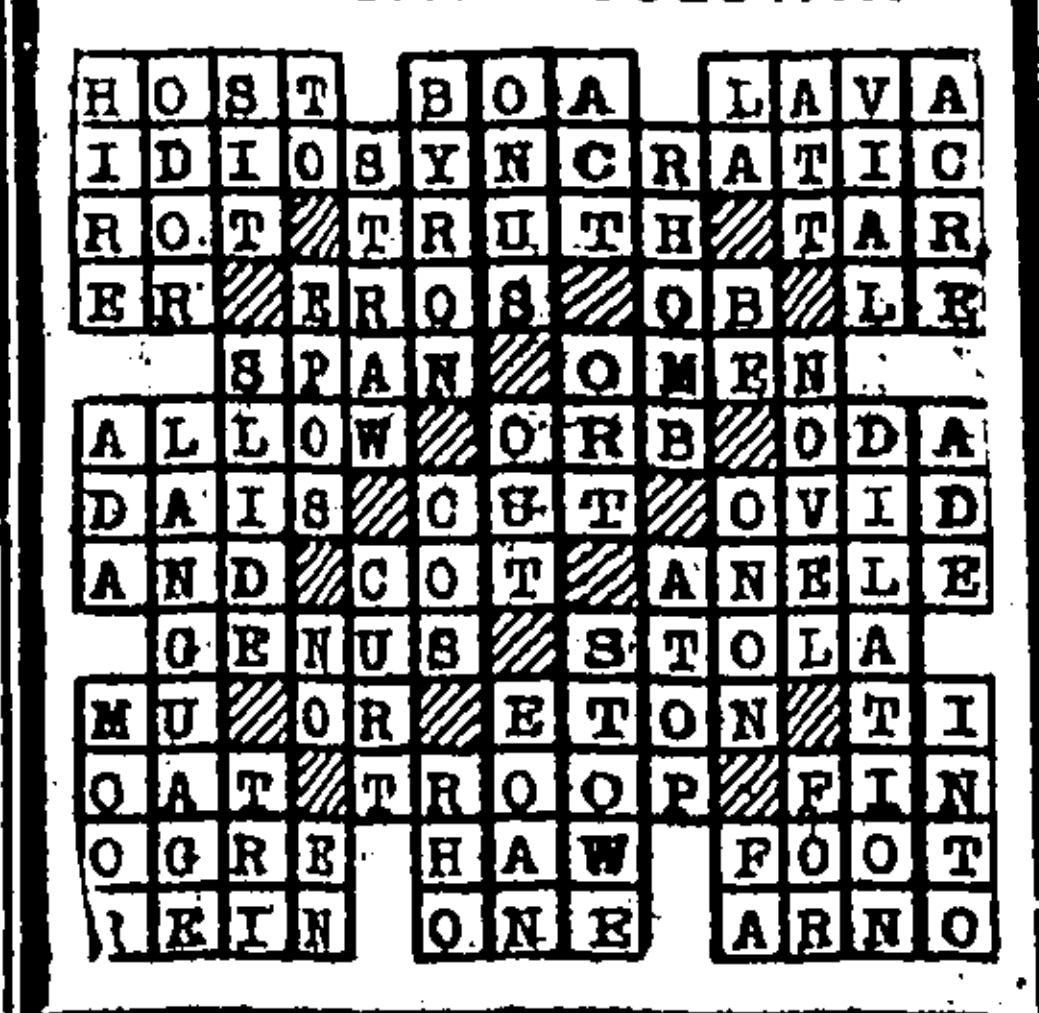
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- 8 To dislike
- 12 Self
- 13 Solo
- 14 Bacchanalian's cry
- 15 To be sick
- 16 Greedy
- 18 Slipknot
- 20 Husk
- 21 Negative
- 22 Ditch
- 23 To leave out
- 27 Period of time
- 29 Footlike part
- 30 Blue
- 31 Periodic windstorm
- 32 Billiard stick
- 33 Age
- 34 Indian mulberry
- 35 Constellation
- 37 To batter
- 38 Literary scraps
- 39 Space
- 40 Vast age
- 41 Spanish article
- 42 Four gills
- 44 To speak of boastfully

VERTICAL

- 1 Thin
- 2 Exchange premium
- 3 Aggregation
- 4 Tiresome
- 5 Part of 'to be'
- 6 Tufted form of cloud
- 7 Implied
- 8 Spanish explorer
- 9 Yellow bugle
- 10 And not
- 11 Chief of the janizaries
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



WIFE KILLED BY BOMBS

After Alleged Murder Attempt

A woman, whose husband was alleged to have attempted to murder her in an Anderson shelter, was later killed by bombs when the hospital to which she had been taken received a direct hit.

A solicitor, Mr. E. Weale, made this statement at Dartford when the husband, Cyril William Percy Clark, 30, labourer, of Dartford, was sent for trial at Kent Assizes on a charge of attempting to murder his wife.

Mr. Weale said that Mrs. Clark was found lying unconscious in the shelter by an ambulance driver and a nurse. She was removed to the hospital, and an operation performed which appeared to be successful. But shortly afterwards the hospital was bombed. The ward in which Mrs. Clark was lying received a direct hit, and she died as a result of the bombing.

Sleeping Children

The ambulance driver said that in the shelter, lying near Mrs. Clark, were her two children fast asleep.

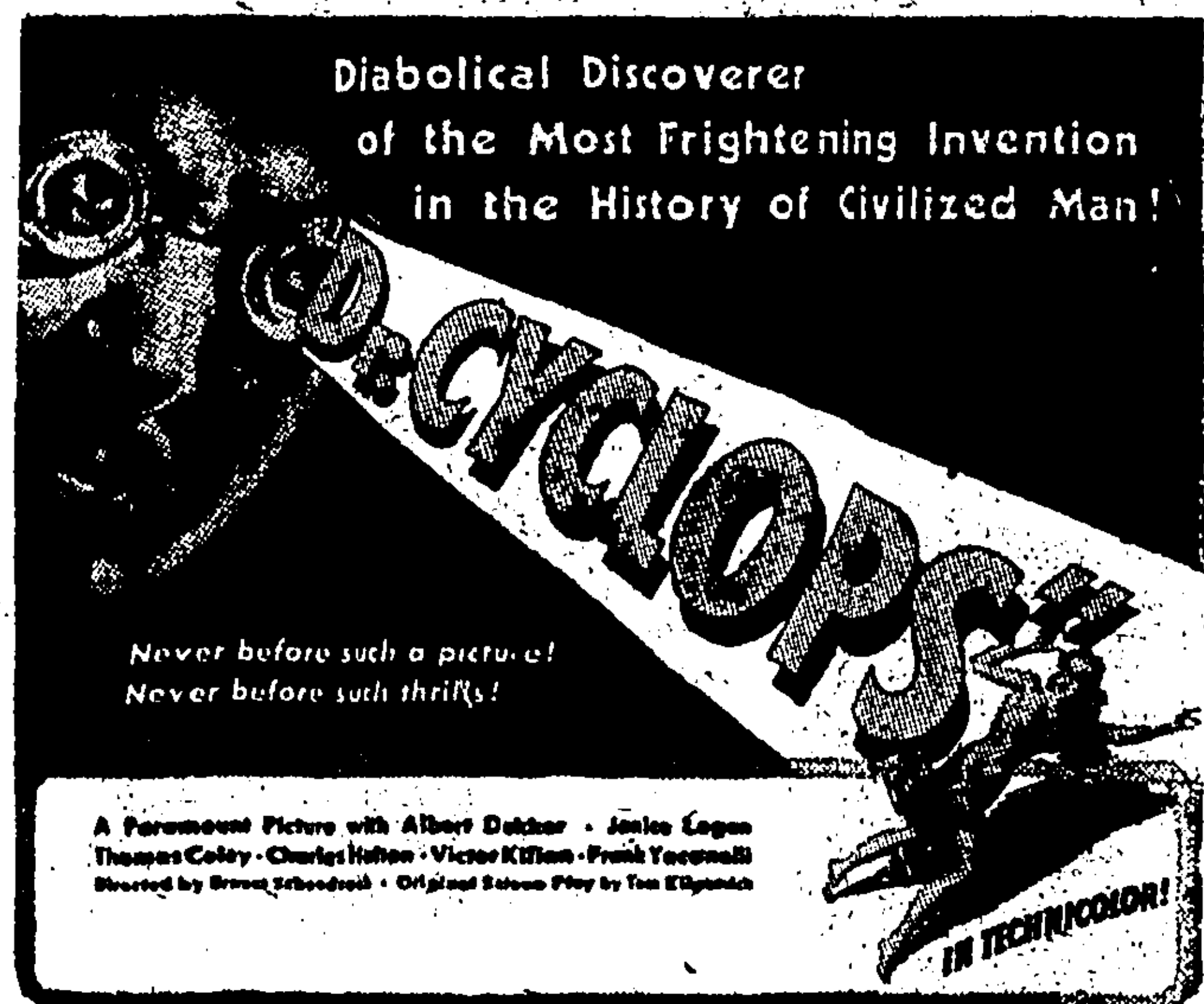
Evidence was given that Clark telephoned for the ambulance and accompanied his wife to hospital. The doctor who operated said that she had every chance of recovering. He was satisfied that death was due to the bombing.

Det.-Sgt. White, of Dartford, said that when arrested Clark described how he and his wife sat with the children in the shelter throughout the night of Sept. 1 and 2, and went on: "Before it got light we had a quarrel because I asked her to let me go into lodgings and have a separation. I lost my temper. I struck her on the head with my fist. She fell back as though she was unconscious."

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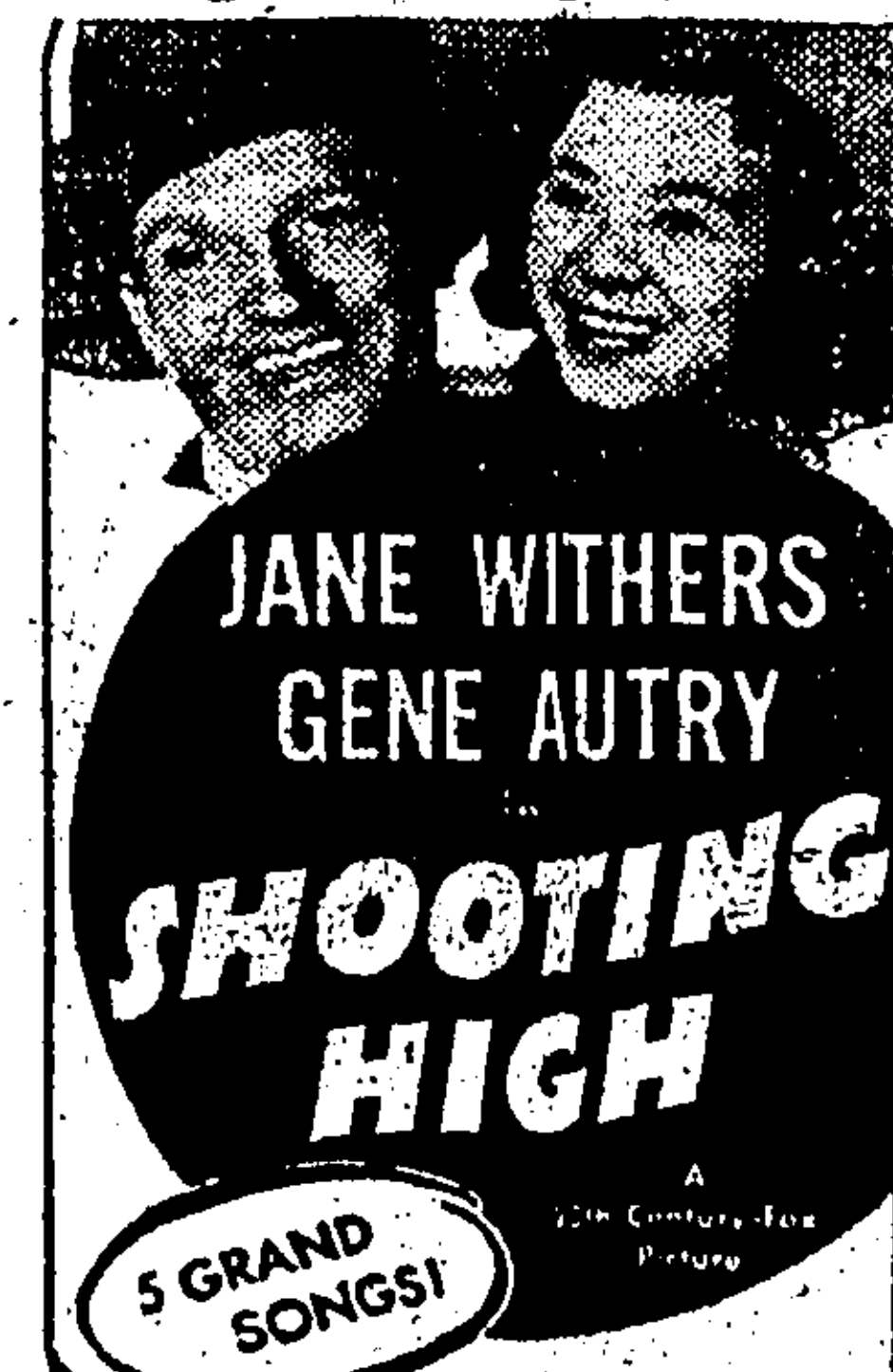
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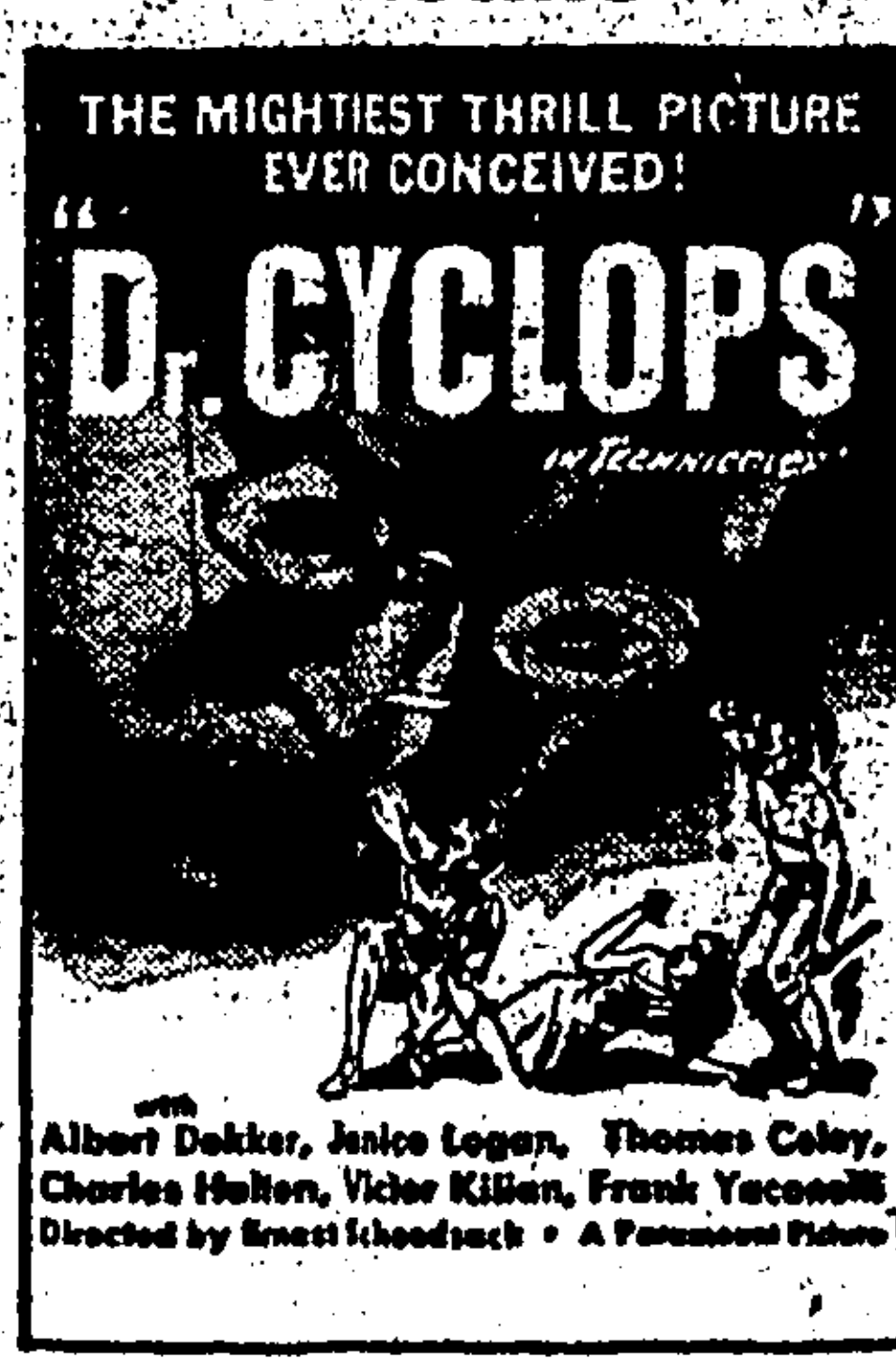
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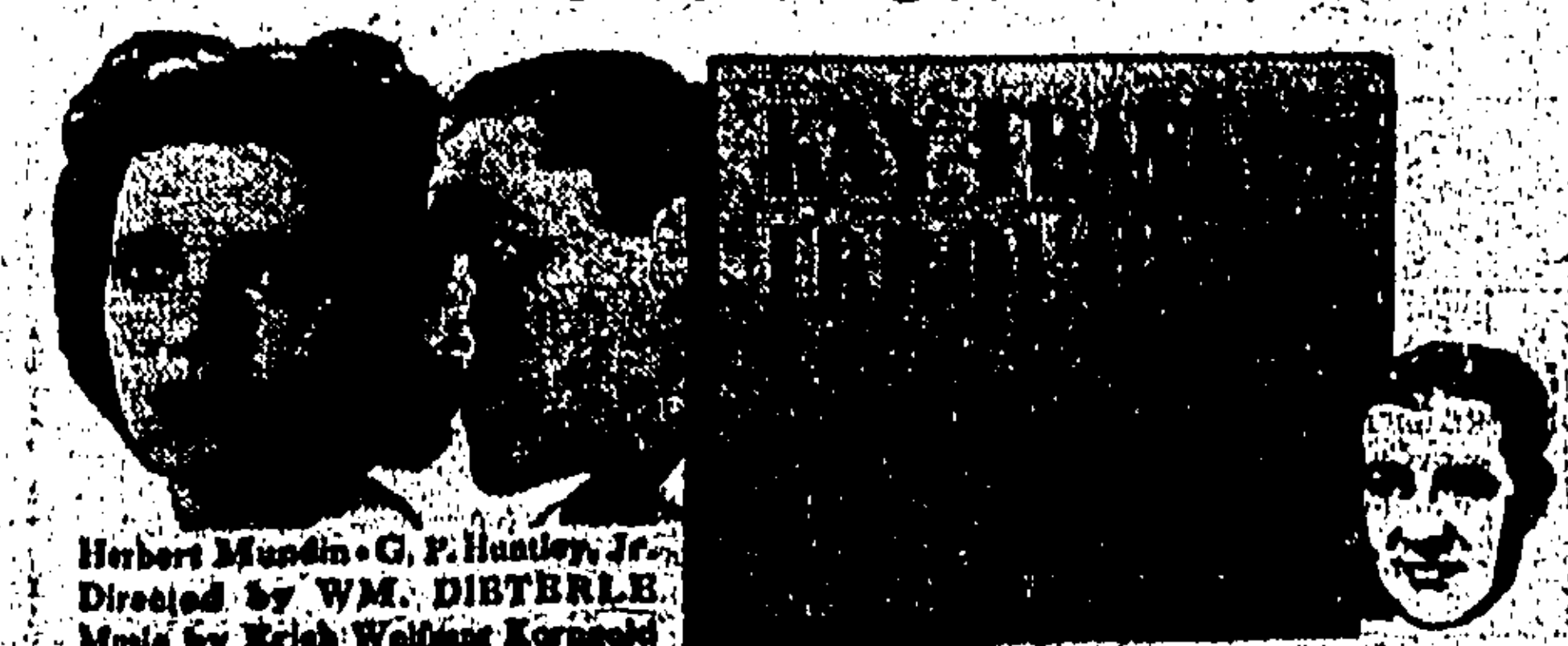
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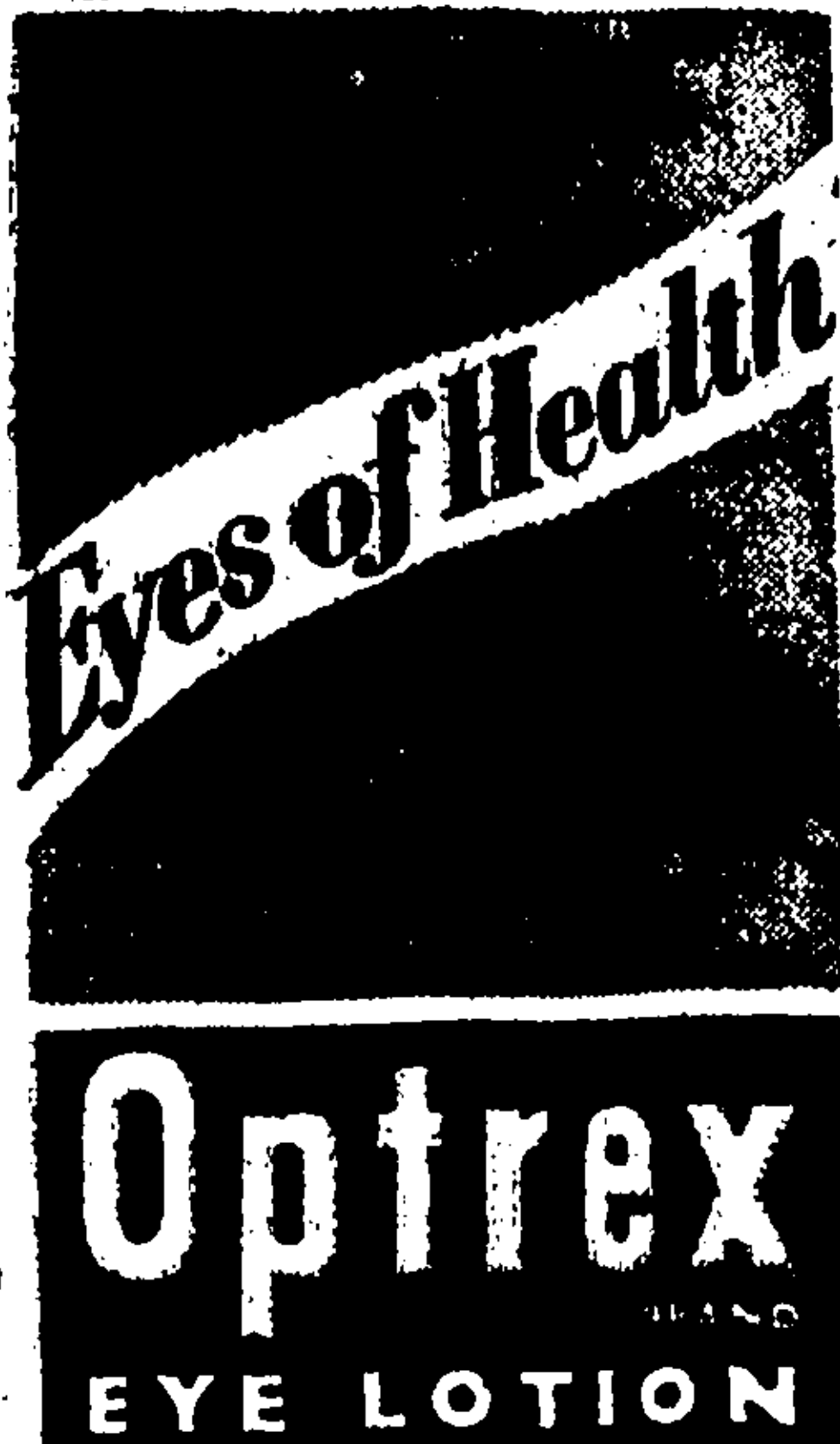
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ANYWHERE ALONG Britain's four thousand miles of coast-line you may see the little ships of the R.A.F.'s own navy. This is a sea-going force designed to cooperate with the Air Force and its primary purpose is to service our flying-boats and float-planes (seaplanes). Its second purpose is to save life. But it does a multitude of other jobs equally well.

This R.A.F. Navy consists of high speed launches, pinnaces, seaplane tenders, flying-boat refuelers, bomb scows, trawler and drifter auxiliaries, armoured target motor-boats, mooring boats, fast dinghies and hundreds of other swift-moving craft. It even has its own floating dock.

Of this varied armada the high speed launches provide the high spots of hazardous rescue adventure. They are the lifeboats of the R.A.F., except that they travel four times as fast as ordinary life-boats and bristle with defensive armament.

Little boats sixty-four feet long with three aero engines of 300 h.p. each, they streak along at a top speed of 40 knots, or cruise at 32; and, with a range of over 500 miles, can go "all out" for twelve hours without refuelling, or eighteen if cruising.

They carry a crew of ten, under a Master who holds the Board of Trade Master's ticket and usually ranks as a Flying Officer. His men consist of two first-class coxswains, three deck hands, two engineers, and two wireless operators. All wear R.A.F. uniform.

Rescue Or Battle

Their boat flies the Air Force ensign—red, white and blue rings on a blue flag—and is armed with two machine-guns, not only for use against hostile bombers, but sometimes against crews of enemy flying boats, or float-planes, who continue the fight after they have come down.

From one of our own aircraft or an eye-witness vessel, the message is flashed to Coastal Command that some of our own or enemy airmen are down in the sea. The signal goes out to the high speed launch nearest the scene and the mission of mercy begins, fair weather or foul.

Many British airmen's lives are saved in this way, but rescues of Germans are of course for more numerous, because so many more are shot down.

People wonder why our launches, sometimes in perilous weather conditions and at the risk of their own lives, should worry about rescuing hostile airmen.

There are two reasons according to Air Chief Marshal Sir Frederick Bowhill—the dynamic little man with red hair and bristling eyebrows who is Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Coastal Command.

One is a tradition of chivalry which belongs to air-fighting as it does to the sea itself.

The launches were fast enough to make the journey to and from the Kent shore and Dunkirk almost every hour. One, after picking up B.E.F. evacuees, found a bombed French boat drifting and containing wounded men on stretchers down below. Then it rescued French soldiers and marines from rowing boats and rafts. Took the whole lot in tow, men and craft, and landed them at Ramsgate. Another launch was the very last vessel to leave Dunkirk.

The R.A.F.'s flying boat refuellers are used for refuelling flying boats immediately they return from patrol so that they are ever at the ready.

The bomb scows—flat bottomed steel shells—have bombs hoist from them into the flying-boats bomb room. After the take-off, the bombs are transported along a miniature overhead railway into the wing.

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So when you read of Coastal Command's flying patrols that guard 4,000 miles of our coast-lines, that keep watch from Iceland to Gibraltar, that bomb the enemy relentlessly at sea and on his coasts, remember also the little boats that help to make all this possible—the R.A.F.'s own Navy!

SHANGHAI R.A.F. MAN KILLED IN ENGLAND

News of tragic death of Pilot Officer Williams Ernest Holland on December 10 has been received in Shanghai by his brother, Mr. V. J. B. Holland, in a telegram from the Air Council, expressing their profound sympathy and regret. Mr. Holland met death in an aerial accident in England.

"Bill" Holland was an extremely popular and a widely-known character in Shanghai, having been associated with the National Carbon Company for several years. He was also connected with the R.A.F. and Shanghai Volunteer Corps, serving with the Air Defence Company as Lieutenant. Later he was transferred to the Reserve of Officers.

Mr. Holland served throughout the last war, first in the Royal Flying Corps and later in the Royal Air Force when it was formed. He ended up with the rank of Major.

WRECKED JUNKERS AS AN "R.A.F. MACHINE"

Lying German Picture

The Germans are finding it so difficult to obtain R.A.F. bombers to photograph for propaganda purposes that they are taking pictures of their own crashed aircraft and describing them as British.

A case occurred on September 14, when the "Völkischer Beobachter" published in its North German edition an impressive photograph of a wrecked aeroplane, alleged to be a British machine which had been shot down. It was accompanied by the triumphant caption: "The end of a British air pirate. He tried to cross the French coast, but our air defences were on the look-out and brought him down."

The aircraft is, in fact, quite clearly a Junkers 88. The curious un-English draughtsmanship of the death's head painted on the fuselage in the Nazi fashion would in itself arouse the suspicion of the observant, and a closer examination of the wreckage reveals it beyond any doubt as a Junkers 88, hundreds of which have been shot down over this country.

A comparison of photographs shows that they are identical machines. The one is the German propaganda picture and the other is a photograph of a Junkers 88 shot down in South-East England on August 22. Great Britain could supply Goebbels with a formidable selection of similar photographs of Junkers, which have now proved so vulnerable to our fighters and anti aircraft guns that they are rarely, if ever, sent over Britain these days.

It is only in exceptional circumstances that the British authorities reveal the exact types of German machines, the names of crews (dead or prisoners), and the dates and places where the aircraft have been shot down in Britain. Such an occasion was on October 9, when the German High Command stated that "all but three of our aircraft returned safely." The Air Ministry had announced that eight German aircraft had been destroyed, including two Heinkel 60 floatplanes which were lost in the sea without survivors. After the German claim had been made, the Air Ministry gave the types, the markings, and the places where the aircraft were shot down, together with the names and ranks of the crews.

The examples given above are only two of dozens of cases in which German propaganda statements about the air war live up to their well-known reputation for untruthfulness.



Law Ayres, who is under contract to Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer and is noted for his role of Dr. Kildare in the "Dr. Kildare" medical series, has been assigned the masculine lead in "Maiden Was a Lady," starring Ann Sothern.

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BRITAIN'S INCREASING SUPPORT

Some of the staunchest supporters of the aid-to-Britain movement in the United States are persons who formerly were either lukewarm or quite impartial in their attitude toward the war. This alteration in sentiment has been due to recognition of America's position in the world conflict. Recent recruits to the anti-Nazi cause base their new position on moral as well as political grounds.

Such is the motive acknowledged by some threescore of Roman Catholics—laymen and clergy—for a recent statement urging all possible aid from the United States to Britain, "lest we be left to face the dictators of Europe and Asia alone."

This is a most timely plea. The United States is speeding up its manufacture and shipment of supplies to Britain. It is approaching the time when it may have to consider placing its ships once more in traffic between American and British ports. But meanwhile the seas on which American supplies must travel, and American ships may soon have to venture, are becoming daily more dangerous because of the U-boat menace.

Important, and heartening as is the tremendous victory in the Mediterranean, the area of submarine warfare and of raids on merchant shipping in the North Atlantic off the Irish coast remains a crucial one in the present struggle.

Mr. Churchill has explained that one of the foremost reasons for the seriousness of the U-boat warfare against Britain lies in the fact that bases from which the British Navy could operate in the World War are now denied it.

These bases lie in that portion of Ireland which is predominantly Roman Catholic. Up to now Mr. de Valera has refused to grant to Britain the right to use bases in Southern Ireland. Nor has he publicly recognised what is becoming clear to many Irishmen elsewhere, that the interests of an independent Eire, like those of an independent United States, are bound up with victory over the Nazis. If this means at the moment Britain's victory over the Nazis, that is not Britain's fault.

Many factors operate to keep Mr. de Valera's position fixed in a static refusal to face facts. Ire-

No one will be better pleased than the German soldiers if Hitler's plan for invading Britain is postponed indefinitely. Not from any love of Britain, but just because they would like to stay alive.

I know, because I spent 19 days among them in occupied Brittany and in occupied Touraine.

I did not seek out the company of the Germans. That would not have been healthy. I am a lieutenant in the Polish army, and with other Polish officers and men who had been with the French I was trying to escape from German-occupied France to Britain in order to carry on our fight. I had to avoid the Germans.

But I saw and I heard them, and the peasants and the people in the chateau who hid us, who gave us food and helped us on our way, they all had tales to tell us of the German soldiers in their villages.

One night, when we were hiding in the barn of a chateau up near the coast, we heard a great noise from the village.

I asked our host what it was.

"Oh," he said, "that is the German soldiers. They are celebrating. They have just received orders to move to Bordeaux. They think that down in Bordeaux they will be safe from being used for the invasion of England."

There was a regiment in St. Malo who rejoiced openly when orders came for them to move away from the invasion coast to the safe South.

Not that the Germans in Brittany were quiet fellows at any time. By the time my little party and I had got safely out the Germans had drunk up all the champagne in the country. Champagne, sausages and sauerkraut (choucroute garnie) was and is the favourite order of the German soldiers in the cafes when they can get it. And the sweeter the champagne the better.

I have seen quite enough of the Germans in their new role as the masters of France. For after the 19 days which I spent hopping across fields and through woods in occupied France, watching from hedges and ditches the German infantry columns roll by in their lorries—never once did I see German troops marching—I spent another two months and a half dogging the agents of the Gestapo in unoccupied France before I could make my dash for Spain and freedom.

It is only three weeks since I was in Vichy, capital of unoccupied France. It seems a year ago.

The contrast between the different nations I have come in contact with in the last few weeks is the most encouraging experience

land would be exposed to bomb attacks should Irishmen decide to dedicate their naval bases to a fight for freedom. There are old and understandable grudges. But as compared with the threat to Eire's sovereignty that is implicit in the spread of Nazism, thoughts of any danger of British encroachments in the South must seem romantic today.

In urging all possible aid to Britain the Irish element of Roman Catholicism in America may well do more than urge this upon citizens of the United States. Their stand should help free people everywhere to clear up foggy concepts of Britain's present role, and of Ireland's potential place, in a struggle crucial to the future of small States and to religious freedom.

Journey Across Europe

How do the Nazi soldiery face up to the idea of invading Britain?

How do the French people react under the heel of the Nazi jackboot?

Here the veil is lifted by a Polish officer, Lieutenant Zygmunt Litynski.

Coming from the Battle of Norway, this officer, who is also a distinguished Polish journalist, fought in the last stages of the Battle of France. He was nearly three weeks among the Germans in occupied France.

Lieut. Litynski was in Vichy in October. He escaped to Spain via Portugal. Thence he travelled to England.

Now Lieut. Litynski is in London. Here he tells his astonishing story.

I have had since I saw the Germans hold up their hands in surrender at Narvik. Alas! that seems a century ago!

The French, defeated, listless, disorganised and helpless, like a machine whose mainspring is shattered. The German soldiers, arrogant and swaggering in their triumph, but in danger of demoralisation from excessive indulgence in the gross pleasures of victory. The Spaniards, hungry and disunited, living among the ruins of their civil war without the energy to rebuild.

And now the British, the only one of these peoples that I have seen that really seem to know what this war is about, fighting with a strength and a cold calm, soldiers and civilians alike.

When we arrived in Brest on June 15 on our return from Narvik the streets were full of stragglers. Soldiers in ragged uniforms lounged around. They had no arms and there was no one to lead them. They had no interest in anything.

The civilians all insisted the war was over. They did not want it to go on. They seemed afraid that we should want to fight on in their city.

We tried to find our French commanding officer, General Bethouart, of the 1st Light Division. No one knew where he was. We had no equipment, only rifles and a few light automatics. No cars or lorries, no anti-tank guns, no ammunition for our rifles, no telephone or wireless, no medical kit.

They sent us off by train as we were on June 17 to take the sector from St. Malo to Combourg. Arms and equipment would be sent from Rennes, which, so we were informed, was full of everything, tanks, guns and vast quantities of munitions and transport.

We took up our position and fortified it. But the supplies did not arrive. The Germans had taken Rennes in the meantime.

The mayors of the villages where we had established our strong points ordered the inhabitants to pull down our fortifications. They, too, did not want us to fight in their district.

And then at 11 a.m. on June 18 the German motorised advance column was reported to be approaching. We made ready to fight. But they stopped. French mobile guards came out ahead of the Germans.

They held up their hands above their heads and came towards our advance post shouting "DON'T SHOOT, THE ARMISTICE HAS BEEN SIGNED."

As far as fighting in France was concerned that was the end of our brigade. We had taken part in the victory of Narvik, we

had seen the German soldiers, throw down their arms. We had seen their general flee to the Swedish frontier. And now we had to give in without firing a shot.

One section refused to obey orders. They fired on the Germans and then slowly retired through the forest. I don't know what became of them.

We saw the Germans enter the village. They drove right past us on their lorries sitting there on their benches row by row, wooden, expressionless, like policemen.

A captain asked the mayor: "Are there any English around here?" And then they all drove on in the direction of Brest. The Germans were always asking for the whereabouts of British troops. The French they just ignored.

Breton peasants helped us in our get-away. The walls of their own houses were plastered with posters from the German army authorities—often stuck on top of the old mobilisation posters—warning them on pain of death not to help soldiers to escape.

But these simple peasants did not care.

They were not like the people of Brest. They wanted the war to go on. They gave us news of where the Germans were. They hid us. They gave us food. They guided us. They gave us the maps out of their almanacks—the only maps we had.

It was the same whether we went into the cottages of the simple folk or the chateaux of the aristocrats.

And they were always full of news of the British. "The English are at Amiens," the peasants told us with delight and enthusiasm. "The English are at Dunkirk."

The lord of one of the chateaux we called at told us full of pride of how the British had bombed a cross roads on the Paris-Bordeaux road and had annihilated a German column.

It was in a Breton farmhouse on June 23 in a room with those high peasant beds like cupboards in it, that we heard the news of the Franco-German agreement from the portable wireless which I had bought in Glasgow. Our General Bohusz covered his head with his hands, the women sobbed and prayed.

That night we were surrounded by the Germans in a wood. But we got out by following behind one of the tanks that was searching for us. It made such a clatter that no-one heard us.

Not all the French soldiers had given up the fight.

In a wood where they were hiding from the Germans like ourselves I came across a troop of French soldiers in civilian clothes with machine-guns and full armament.

They were going around destroying as best they could the tanks and motorcars and lorries and guns abandoned by the Germans. A young mechanic led them.

He used to creep right into the villages occupied by the Germans and under the noses of the German sentries he demolished essential parts of whatever machines he found there. The soldiers said they were working under orders from the French military authorities. But they would not tell us which. That, they said, was a secret.

Another group of French soldiers who refused to surrender were using an army petrol tank car as an armoured vehicle, and with this they used to sally forth on raids into villages occupied by isolated German posts.

They did not attack the Germans. They just took their food at the point of the machine-gun and their ammunition, and then returned to their hideouts. The Germans let them go. They did not want any trouble. I was amazed to see how dispersed and isolated many of the German posts were. It would have been easy to organise a movement against them.

Once, after we had changed into civilian clothes, I found myself in a little town among a crowd of French soldiers just at the moment when two Germans arrived to take it over.

The Germans gave the Hitler salute. Many of the French mutely raised their hands in reply. No one made a move against the Germans. There was no one to lead them.

But there was great bitterness against the Germans everywhere. The peasants were angry because there had been a good deal of looting, mostly of champagne and bicycles, but also, as at Saumur, of clothing. A German platoon in Saumur paraded the streets in stolen pyjamas.

One old French peasant told me how his last pig had been taken by a German soldier, who gave him a chit for it. When he presented the chit to the Kommandantur for payment they laughed and threw him out. He showed me the chit. It said: "Ein gutes verkel fuer einen guten Bayern." A good pig for a good Bavarian.

The most difficult part of our escape was crossing the rivers. We used to wait in the bushes till a good moment came to rush across the big motor roads. But the Paris-Bordeaux road we couldn't cross at all. There was continual German traffic on it. In the end we found a culvert which ran underneath it, and through this we crept to the other side.

The Loire, too, was closely guarded on both sides.

But just as we were giving up hope we came across a little hut. Through a window we could hear the B.B.C. news in French being broadcast. A forest guard was inside listening to it with his wife and three little girls.

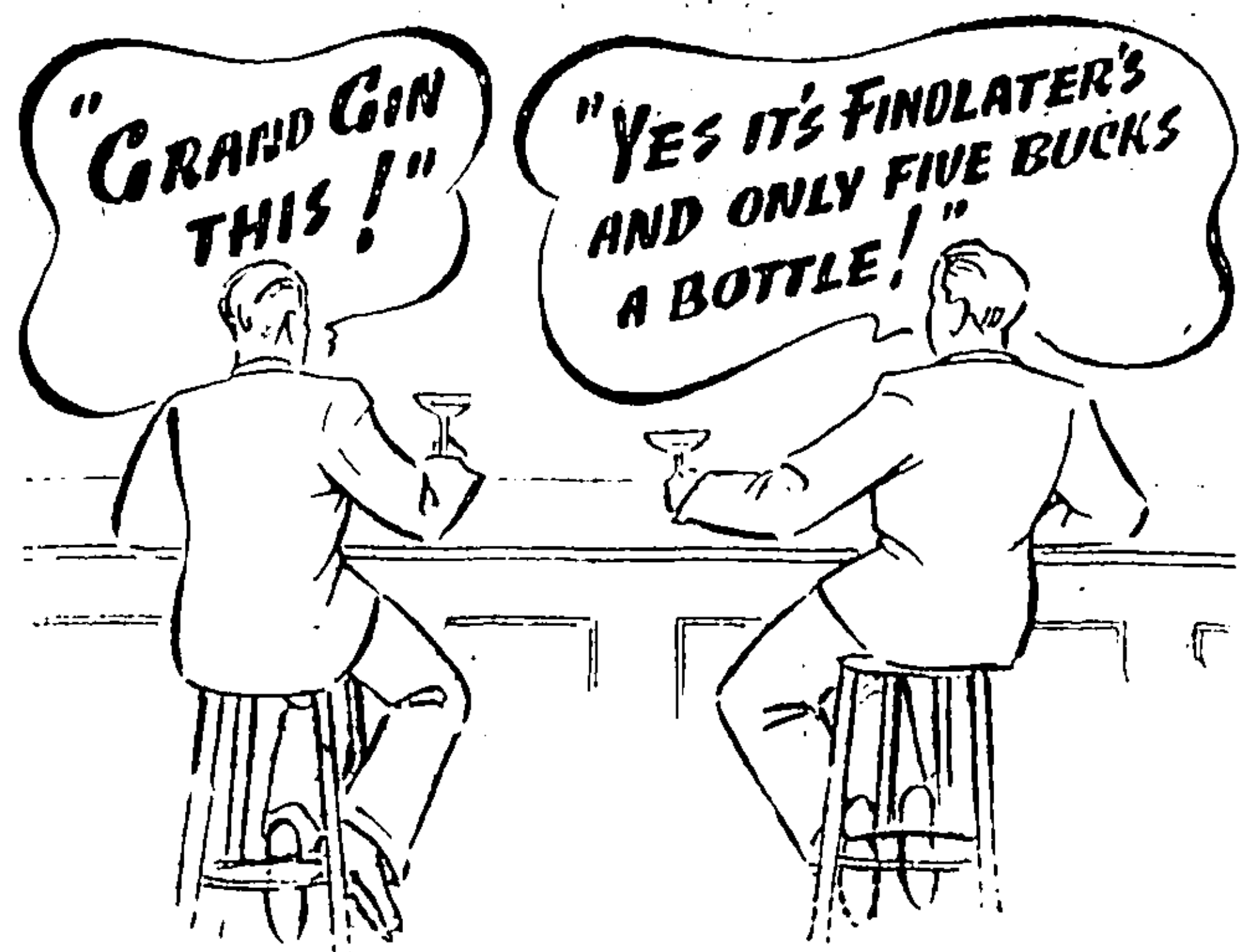
He took us across the river in his rowboat and led us across fields and woods for another seven hours.

On the fringe of another wood, just before nightfall, we met an old peasant woman. "Come in boys," she cried. "Come in and have something to eat and drink. Only an hour more to go from here and you'll be shut of the Germans."

That night there was a wild storm. And under cover of the rain and thunder and wind we crept through the forest past the German sentries, who were huddling in their dugouts, across the border line into unoccupied France.

At Chatillon we saw the first French soldiers with rifles we had seen for three weeks. We had marched 450 miles on foot and we felt it.

Lieut. Litynski continues his story tomorrow.



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FRANCE WILL NOT SURRENDER A SECOND TIME

SINCE THE German terms were first presented to the French Government, five main factors have combined to mitigate their original crudity, and it is believed that something in the nature of a compromise is now under discussion at Vichy and in Paris. These are:

First, growing public resentment against a second capitulation to Germany and Italy, especially the latter. This is unmistakable, and is reported reliably from both occupied and unoccupied France, so much so that it has been found necessary to forbid the reproduction of the Free French programmes from the B.B.C., which had become a practice in cafes and other resorts.

Secondly, the Colonial demands are by their very nature unenforceable, and any attempt to apply them at the present moment would play into the hands of Gen. de Gaulle.

Italian Insistence

Thirdly, there is the imperfect co-ordination of German and Italian claims. The Italian Press is openly urging its territorial demands and abusing the French Government.

It is believed that one of the chief subjects discussed between the two dictators at Florence was the best way of harmonising German and Italian terms.

While the Vichy Government hesitates, sudden invasion of the Department of the French Alps and of Savoy and Corsica might well set the whole country aflame. Serious neutral observers put the proportion of pro-British sympathisers as high as 90 per cent., and such an act might turn sympathy into support.

It is believed that Mussolini has been prevailed on by Hitler to move cautiously and to

engage in talks beforehand with the most pro-Fascist member of the Vichy Government, Laval. There are, however, signs that he is impatient and reluctant to wait.

Fourthly, the attack on Greece is regarded in France as incompatible with suggestions that the main purpose of the Axis is peace.

Fifthly, there is the extent of the German military demands, which have caused Gen. Huntziger, Minister of War, to leave for Paris.

Dissensions at Vichy

The result of the merging of these various trends has been to divide the Vichy Government still further, as shown by the denial—somewhat too complete—issued by French diplomats abroad that any lessening of French sovereignty will be accepted.

The reported resignation of the Secretary-General of the French Foreign Ministry, M. Charles-Roux, who was for many years Ambassador to the Holy See, means that one of the most distinguished and honourable of France's diplomatists feels unable to accept Laval as a chief.

Messages from Vichy state that France will not admit that any French naval base or any unit of the French Fleet will be used against Britain. This, it is learned on good authority, is the definite answer made by the French to the Germans at the Hitler-Pétain meeting.

Vichy's forthcoming agreement with Berlin will be of much narrower scope than is generally believed on the Continent. The new Franco-German cooperation will apply chiefly to economic problems, French industries consenting to work for Germany and granting preferential rights to the Reich. Other clauses are:

French prisoners will be liberated.

Germany will agree to evacuate part of occupied France south of the Loire, and also perhaps the Paris left bank.

A corridor will be granted to the French Government for its communications from Paris to Orleans, but the Germans will retain all the coast down to the Spanish border.

No territorial concessions have as yet been discussed. This agreement will only be a preliminary to a definite peace treaty envisaged for the end of the war.

VARSIY'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT

THE UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION WILL BE GIVING THEIR 13TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT ON SUNDAY AT 9 P.M. IN THE GREAT HALL.

His Excellency the Acting Governor will honour the occasion with his presence.

The programme will include both Community Singing and Carols by the Association's choir under Rupert Baldwin, who for over ten years has been Honorary Conductor. At the piano will be Miss Caroline Braga.

The Choir is made up chiefly of undergraduates, who, together with friends from outside like J. R. M. Smith and Y. K. Bze

H.K. APPEAL FOR WAR ORPHANS

The Hong Kong Annual Orphanage Appeal Committee, has issued an appeal for generous public support, pointing out that since the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese hostilities the number of homeless refugee children has increased everywhere in China and relief work has become a problem of great importance to-day.

With the advent of the war in China, the influx of these destitute war children into this Colony from time to time has assumed a grave magnitude which deserves our urgent and sympathetic attention.

Of late, various efforts in the direction of providing free food and shelter and vocational training have been attempted by the community of Hong Kong to alleviate the suffering of these little ones. The most noticeable work of this kind are the Rural Home & Orphanage in Taiipo and the War Refugee Children's Industrial Home in Aberdeen each having under its care over 100 children. These two institutions were established and are being maintained with funds subscribed mostly from abroad; one being largely dependent on contributions from Christian organisations in England, while the other being supported by similar bodies in the United States and Canada. Due to their rather limited financial resources, however, they have not been able to extend their activities on a bigger and more comprehensive scale.

The present relief measures, while commendable, have been hardly adequate to accommodate the increasing number of war orphans seeking the sanctuary of Hong Kong. The "South China Christian Education & Industrial Association for Homeless War Refugee Children" has been lately organised to co-ordinate the activities of the above institutions and to further the work for the care of war orphans.

At a recent meeting the Association has decided to appeal to the public for donations towards the goal of \$50,000.

It is proposed that \$10,000 or more will be appropriated to make up the deficit in the budget of the said two institutions for the coming year, as the war situation abroad precludes the prospect of continued support from sources on which these institutions hitherto relied. The balance of funds to be raised will be used to provide new accommodation for 200 more orphan boys and girls. This accommodation will be provided either by enlarging institutions or by inviting the Salvation Army to supervise a new home, whichever proves the more economical and efficient plan.

It would be hardly necessary for us to stress the important nature of this kind of relief work. Our aim is not only to give these unfortunate children food and shelter but to educate them and to give them the rudiments of vocational and moral training. Thus the youngsters would have an opportunity, which they would be otherwise deprived of, to learn and to become good citizens in future. We appeal to you for your kind support, and we feel sure we could count on your generous assistance to this worthy cause. Please remember that every dime you contribute would bring sunshine and hope into the faces of these desperate little ones who have suffered through no fault of their own, and their hearts will overflow with thankfulness for the kindness and comfort you have brought into their life in the hour of misery and despair.

We shall gratefully appreciate donations which may be sent to the South China Christian Education & Industrial Association for Homeless War Refugee Children, 24, Wing Lok Street, Hong Kong.

and several of the Colony's alto, number thirty strong, and they will sing among other pieces, "Watt's Cradle Song," "O Leave Your Sheep," "Poverty," and "New Prince, New Pomp."

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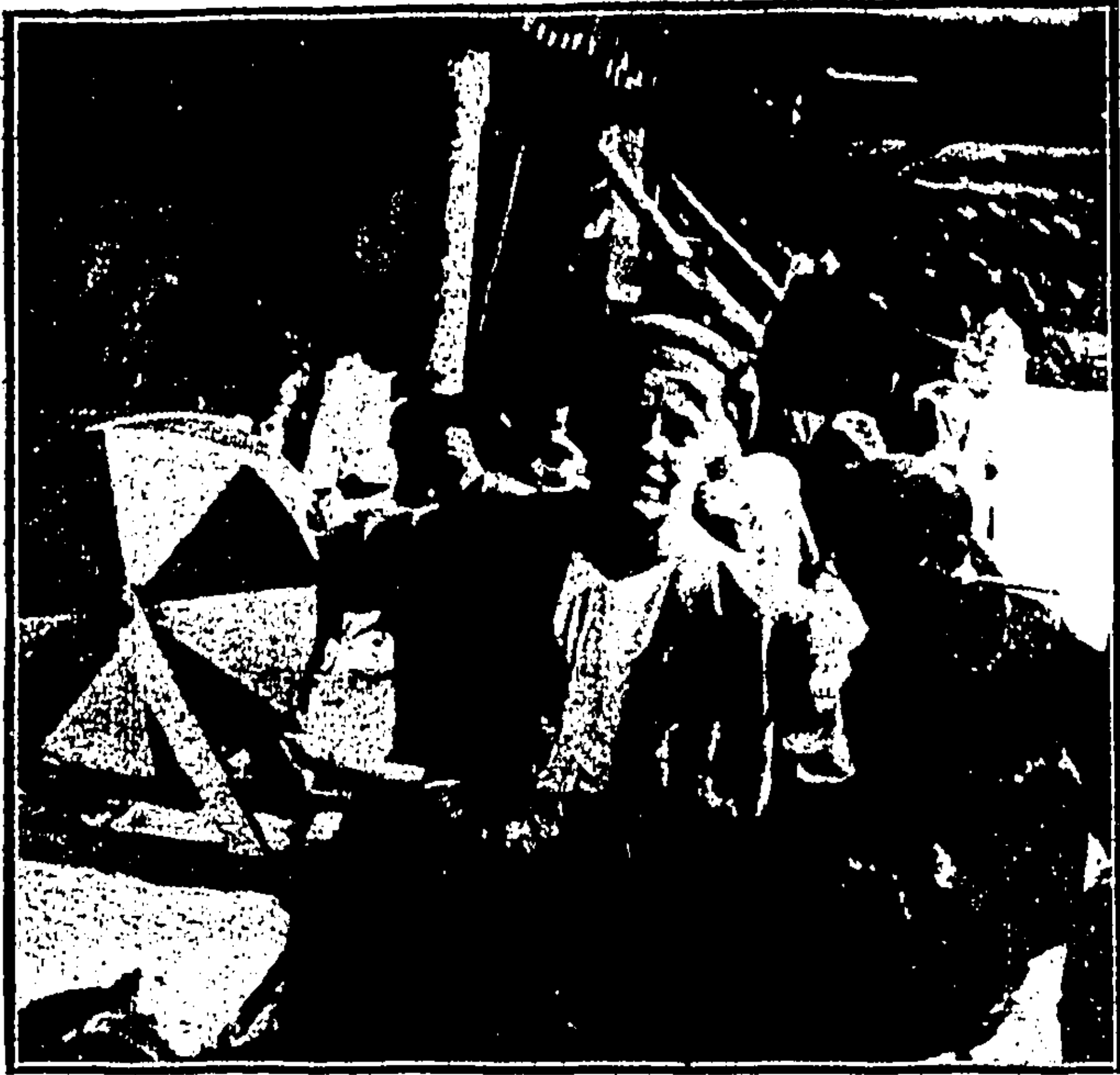
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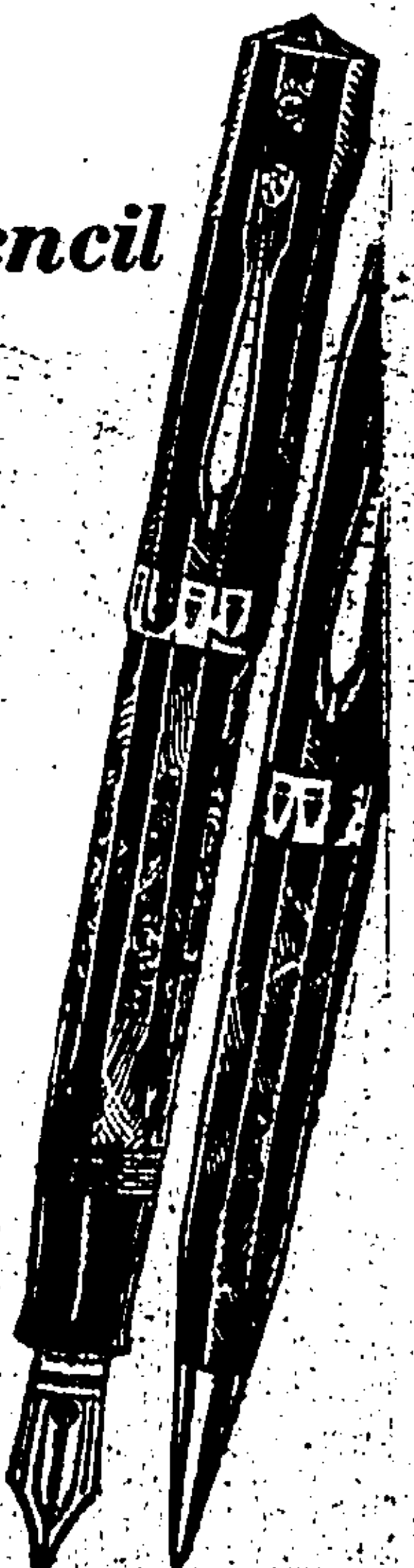
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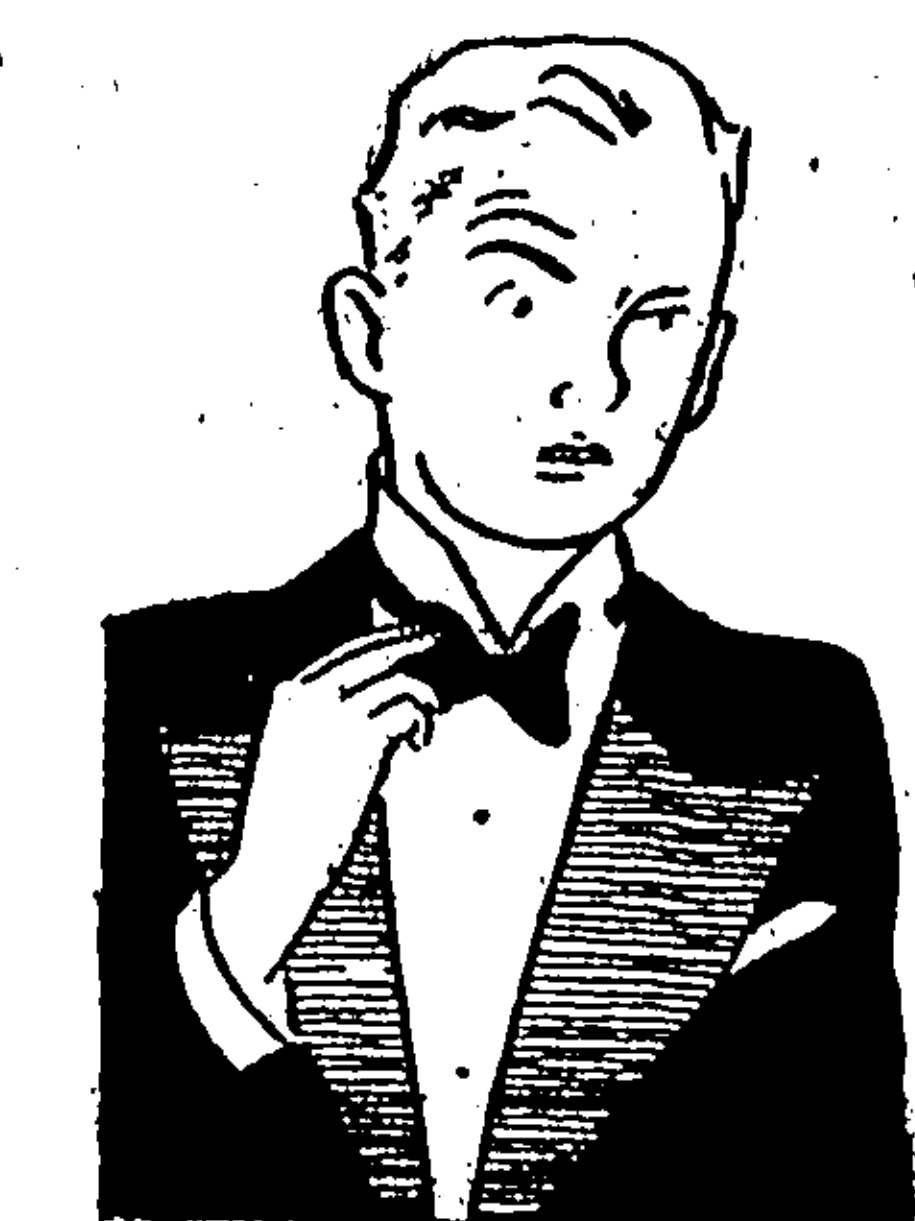
PERCY Bones had always desired to shine, but personal distinction had been denied him. He had, in his time, desired to shine in almost every way—among the other children as a runner or a spinner of tops, at school as a scholar, and in the various jobs he had tried, as a go-ahead young chap with a future; in all these ways he had desired to shine, but his brightest and most constant desire was to shine socially.

Percy Bones would have liked to be liked—not just not disliked but actively liked and sought-after, welcome to drop in at any time at lots of houses and aware that even in his absence people spoke well of him and went about saying what an awfully nice chap Bones was. His ambition was to be the life and soul of the party, and to have dewy-eyed girls looking up at him with parted lips and telling him he was a one and imploring him, amid trills of delighted giggles, to give over or he would be the death of them. He had known of several such fortunate men and had observed with a painful envy the success which they enjoyed. What was the little something, he had so often asked himself, which they obviously had and he seemed to lack?

It was true that his appearance was perhaps against him—or rather that it was not exactly for him, for he was not positively ill-favoured. He was obliged to admit that his was not the sort of face and figure they use for advertising hair lotion or high-class tobacco, yet at the same time he could not fail to notice that far uglier men than he often had far better fun. After the first shock, people did not care much one way or the other about what a man looked like so long as he was able to compel their attention. Once you had got people interested enough to take notice of you you were well on the way to being the life and soul of the party. The difficulty was to get people to notice you at all.

Percy Bones had done all the things, of course. He had joined a social club. He had joined a rambling club. He had rambled until his feet felt as if they had been bastinadoed, and he had been sociable until his face ached with the fixity of his smile; yet still success had not come his way.

"What are you doing for Christmas, Mr. Bones?" people at the social club would ask him during conversational pauses towards the end of November, just as earlier in the year people at the rambling club would ask him during conversational pauses what he was



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doing for Whitsun. The answer was always the same; nothing special, just spending the holiday quietly at home. And what, Percy Bones would inquire brightly, were they doing?

Oh, they were going away. Friends had invited them down. Five of them were motoring down in Bob's car—a bit of a squash, but it all made more fun, mucking in together. Though, of course, a quiet Christmas, or a quiet Whitsun or Easter, as the case might be, took a lot of beating; that is, if you liked that sort of thing.

If you liked that sort of thing, Percy Bones didn't like that sort of thing. Christmas in lodgings—who in their senses could like that sort of thing? The sort of thing that Percy Bones liked was parties, nice friendly parties with everybody liking him and listening to him and hanging on his words. He had never actually been to a party like that, but always at the back of his mind harboured the vision of this ideal party to which he would one day be bidden, and where he would shine like the star on the wand of the fairy on the top of the Christmas tree.

This year it looked like being the same.

"And what are you doing for Christmas, Mr. Bones?" asked Miss Haver, a new member with whom Percy Bones happened to be thrown together for a few minutes at the winter social of the rambling club.

"Oh, nothing special. I think I shall spend it quietly at home this year," he said. Before Miss Haver had time to respond with the remark that there was nothing to beat a quiet Christmas, their conversation was interrupted by the arrival of young Larkin, the popular man of the club, to claim a dance with Miss Haver who, as Percy had been quick to note, was a personable young woman.

He had no further speech with her that evening, but some ten days later he was surprised and delighted to receive from her a note, addressed him him care of the club, and forwarded on, asking him whether he would care to accompany Miss Haver to a small Christmas party given by some friends of hers on the other side of the town on Boxing Night. It would be quite informal. There would be coffee and sandwiches. There was a convenient bus that would take them almost to the door. Would he let her know by the telephone as soon as possible at her office?

In a ferment of pleasure he rang up her office at nine o'clock that morning, before she had so much as arrived. Half an hour later he rang her office again. He spoke to her then. Yes, he would be delighted. Delighted. Absolutely delighted, Miss Haver. It was not till some time afterwards, when the first flush of his excitement had cooled a little, that it came back into his mind that though her voice had sounded polite, it had not sounded thrilled.

It was at the last-lustre hour

Several couples were treading an immobilised foxtrot by the gramophone at one end of the room, others were playing some paper game that consisted in identifying cryptic pencil sketches pinned on to the backs of the other guests. Nobody pinned a sketch on Percy Bones's back or indeed took any notice of him except to shake a plate of sandwiches with curled-up edges under his nose from time to time. He hung about on the fringes of groups, joining in the laughter at rattling fine jokes whose point he had missed because the tellers had their backs to him. One man particularly, a tall fat man with a shiny face and a green paper jockey cap was, in the eyes of Percy Bones, insufferable. It was plain as a pikestaff that he was that envious and inimitable type, the life and soul of the party. Percy Bones, retired now to a corner of a settee under the pretence of looking at Christmas cards, watched him with longing.

The man took the floor in front of the fireplace. With his loud voice and butcher's presence, little by little he drew the attention of the other guests upon himself. He was the rallying point of the evening, the life and soul of the party. He whisked a large yellow silk handkerchief out of his pocket.

"Anybody know this trick?" he asked. "Anybody here know how to pass a tumbler full of water through a handkerchief without up-setting the tumbler or making a hole in the handkerchief?"

He looked about him questioningly. Nobody did, of course. He could count on nobody's knowing. With a look of fatuous complacency on his face, the fat man spread the yellow handkerchief on a table, set a brimming glass of water on the handkerchief, waved his hands and muttered an abracadabra, smirked knowingly at his audience, gathered the four corners of the handkerchief together raised them—raised them—and there, preposterously, sitting by itself undisturbed upon the polished table, glistened the tumbler brimful of water.

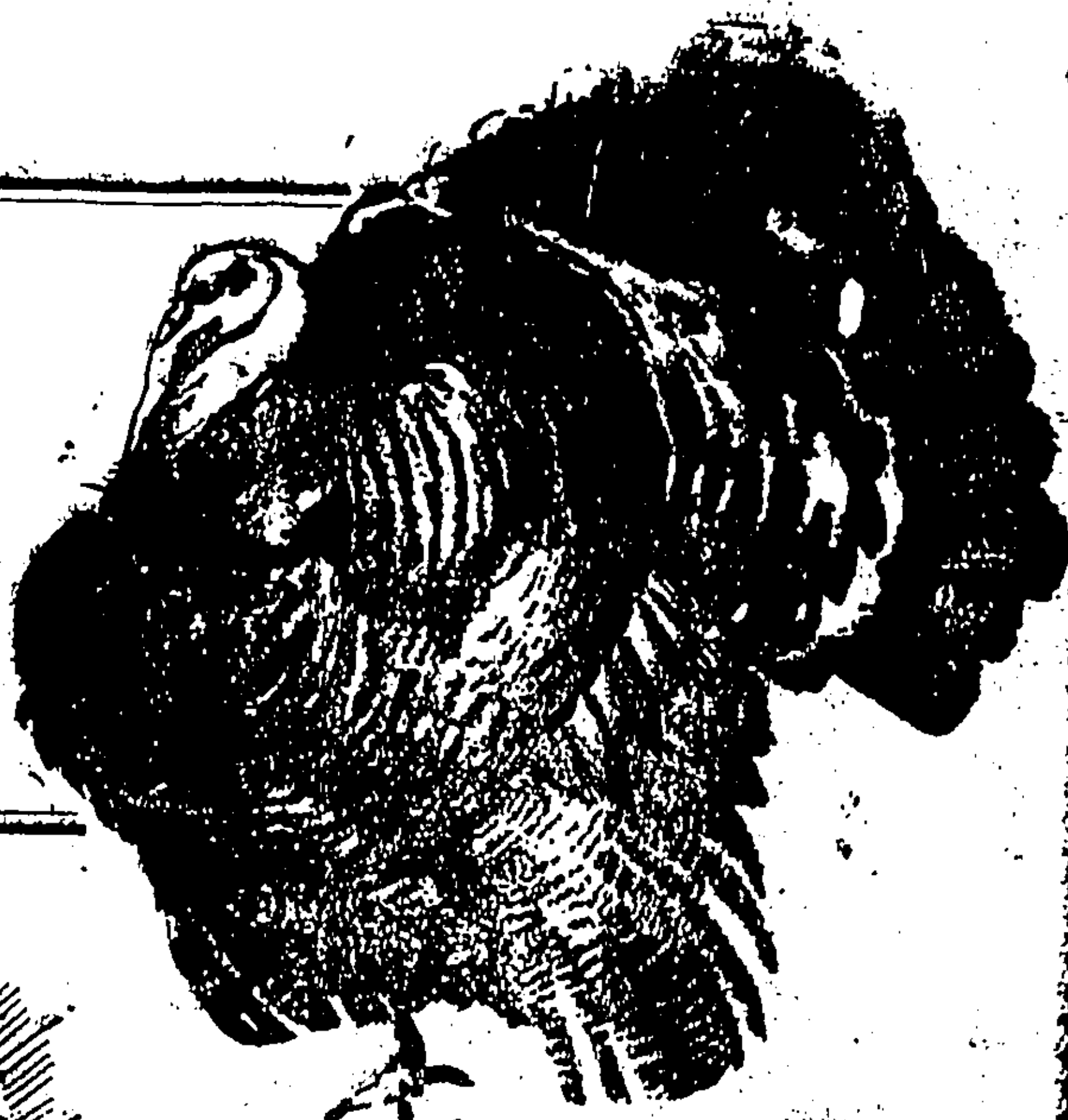
man who had not been snapped up already, Percy Bones, was in-

"What do you know about that?" cried the fat man. "Eh? Eh?" He



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visited to the party. He knew, he knew. He knew all right. He was being made a convenient bit. He turned over in his mind the possibility of withdrawing his acceptance and leaving them in the lurch, and for perhaps twenty minutes he pretended to believe that he was not going to the party, that he had his pride and was simply not going. But in his heart of hearts he knew all along that he could not really bring himself to deny himself this party and that in the end he would be tamely accompanying Miss Haver on the long bus ride to the other side of the town; and so he was.

During the journey Miss Haver, in a manner, though polite, was hard to warm, and as soon as they reached the house she was engulfed in a laughing crowd of over-enthusiastic people already flaunting paper hats. Percy Bones was perfunctorily introduced to one or two guests, who promptly left him lit and was soon left hovering, taking out a handkerchief and a glass of port. All the other people seemed to know each other.

stood back with his stomach stuck out and received the applause. "And now I'll show you another little trick," he offered. "Not at all a bad little trick. Quite simple, of course. A child could do it. All I need is a pack of cards and a young lady to hold the cards so that everybody can see what's going on—fair and square—and above-board, that's me. Now what about you holding the cards, Gladys? Eh? Come on, don't be shy, they won't bite and nor will I." And there stood Miss Haver, giggling with embarrassed pleasure, holding a fan of cards facing the company while the fat man, the party fellow, stood behind her and reached over her shoulder and picked out by magic, it seemed, whichever card the audience named. The success of this trick was terrific. The fat man was patted on the back. More drinks were called for. People changed paper hats with one another. A new box of crackers was opened. The funny man put on a false nose. Alone in his corner, Percy

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Before The Big Push

Night Raid On Italian Post

From this hidden desert position on the outskirts of Sidi Barrani between midnight and dawn this morning I watched infantry and artillery of the British advance striking forces go into action in the first big desert raid since Italy's westward push.

While shell-burst and flying tracer-bullets flared across the moonlit sky, Highland troops made repeated bayonet charges against Italian posts on the towns outskirts, scattering the enemy before them. Clearly across five miles of desert I could hear the Libyan soldiers manning the posts shrieking as the Jocks chased them back to Sidi Barrani.

In this long spectacular raid which took the enemy completely by surprise, more than a score of Fascist native auxiliaries were killed and one prisoner was taken. Italian mechanised transport, including six heavy lorries and water-cars were destroyed by our soldiers hurling Molotov cocktails.

Enemy Posts Held For Hours

Our men took several posts protecting Sidi Barrani and held them for several hours until the raid was completed. Then they returned to our positions, bringing back booty in the shape of guns, ammunition and equipment. The British losses were one soldier killed, one missing and four slightly wounded.

No sound came from Sidi Barrani. Occasionally one of our scouts crawled across the sand to reconnoitre the Italian positions, and once a Highlander colonel got within a hundred yards of the nearest Fascist post, heard the enemy troops talking and returned unmolested.

The infantry attack which was preceded by a three hour barrage by our artillery some distance behind, began at 10 p.m. when the moon was shining fitfully through

a heavy haze. From our position we watched Highlanders, tin-hatted and with bayonets fixed, their dusty faces now grim in the half light, receive final instructions and then with their heads hunched down, begin their slow stealthy advance in spread-out formation towards the enemy. Silence settled over the desert, broken only by fitful gunfire from our batteries and a desultory reply from the Italians.

Then suddenly a sound of shouting filled the air, and clearly across the desert natives could be heard screaming. A doctor standing beside me said, "That's the Jocks making their first bayonet charge. They've orders not to shoot until the last possible moment." The men were obeying those orders. A babel of voices came across the desert, but for more than an hour no shots sounded as the Highlanders methodically went about their job of taking over the enemy positions, annihilating the men holding them or sending them running back into Sidi Barrani.

It was an eerie sixty minutes, for us staring into the blackness wondering what was happening. Then at midnight all hell was suddenly let loose as the Italian batteries in Sidi Barrani realised that a raid was taking place. Huts in the town and great expanses of sand were lit up as shells from five Fascist batteries pounded at the dim figures of the grim, methodically working British soldiers. For us it was like watching a battle-scene at the cinema as shells burst and tracer-bullets

criss-crossed in the sky and as spouts of flame from rifles and machine-guns began to be seen from all sides.

Fired on Their Own Men

Though it was obvious that many of the forward Italian posts were still being held by their own men, the Italian batteries in Sidi Barrani did not hesitate to turn their shells upon them in the hope also of destroying British troops. Then the garishly lit desert became even more fantastically

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bright as the Italians opened up with weapons usually reserved for the aircraft—"flaming onions"—firing great balls of multi-coloured flame that silhouetted the figures fighting as they burst among them. But these spectacular shells seemed to travel so slowly through the air that they never seemed to hit either the posts or the soldiers at which they were being fired, and the Highlanders carried on investing the machine-gun posts, cleaning out nests of Libyans and chasing those who escaped.

It was 4.30 in the morning when the first batches of Jocks began arriving back at the starting point to find a padre captain waiting for them with a movable canteen presented by the Church of Scotland, so that they had a cup of tea all ready for them. It was from these men that I got the full story of the battle. Many had had remarkable adventures. Split up into groups and led by officers and N.C.O.'s each attacked a different

post. They soon found that every post was held by Libyan soldiers, and that there were no Italians in the forward lines.

They crept on their stomachs to within a few yards of each post. The attack began when a burly Scottish sergeant leaped to his feet, crying, "Go on, boys. Let's away in and get them." The Highlanders leapt into the posts and cut down the first men before the terrified Libyans had a chance to realise what was happening. Then began a four hours general melee as British soldiers went from post to post cleaning out the enemy. One by one the posts were taken over by the British rearguard as the forward line soldiers chased the fleeing shouting Libyans.

One of these advancing Highlanders, a 22 year old native of Glasgow, found he had chased the Libyans too far and was cut off with 30 native troops around him. Swiftly he threw off his helmet, went up to the Libyans and pretended he was a native soldier and accompanied them to a rear-post.

Unrecognised in the darkness he was put on guard and remained there for two hours before seizing the opportunity to slip away and regain the British lines.

Just Grunted

I asked him what he did when the Libyans addressed him. "Just grunted. It seemed to go down well enough," he replied. Like the rest this soldier returned to the base with his arms loaded with rifles and ammunition which he had captured from the Italian posts, each one of which had been stripped and destroyed before our men returned. Most of the Italians' mechanised transport in the front lines was destroyed by a party of men led by a young subaltern who had orders to try

and approach the posts from the rear. He and his men succeeded in creeping in through the enemy lines and reaching a post where eight lorries were parked in lines. Only two Libyans were guarding them and they quickly seized them.

"They call us the demolition squad," said the subaltern. "And we were carrying pickaxes and Molotov cocktails as well as our rifles. We did a pretty good job slashing the tyres and breaking the cylinders of five lorries, a petrol lorry and a water-cart. Then holding our prisoners tightly, we crept back and hurled our Molotov cocktails at the lorries. Seven distinct pillars of fire suddenly rose out of the blackness. It was a marvellous sight and the boys loved it. But it soon attracted the attention of the Italians, who despite the fact that we were behind their own lines, turned their heavy guns on us and raked us with fire. It was pretty hot shooting and made us a bit uncomfortable. So we grabbed our Libyans and with a little persuasion got them to crank up the remaining lorry. Then we climbed in, putting one Libyan in the driving seat . . . and off we drove. But not for long. The Italians sighted us in the firelight and opened up with tracer-bullets which smashed through our roof and windscreen inches from our faces. So reluctantly we got out and smashed up this lorry too . . . and then we rushed through the barrage of fire and successfully regained our lines. We were pretty late and everyone was a bit surprised we'd returned. But you cannot stop Jocks."

We climbed back into the convoy just before dawn, and began the journey back to our forward positions. . . . As I lie in my sleeping bag in the open desert I can hear batteries of guns thundering not far away, but whether it presages a new British attack or an Italian counter-attack it is not yet possible to say.

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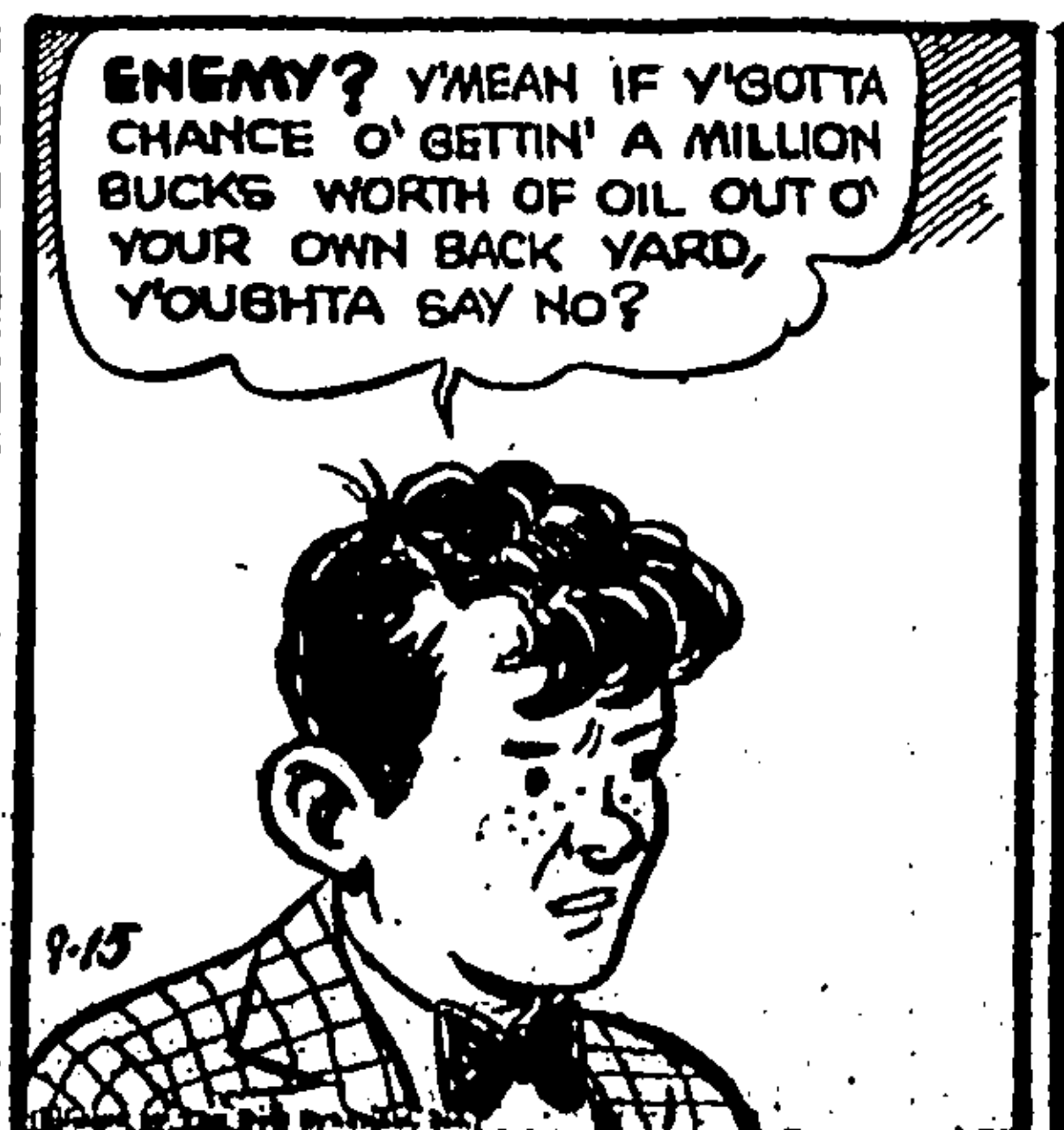
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Bones watched the party going with a swing without him—ignoring him. Something boiled in Percy Bones.

"What about another trick, Alf?" somebody suggested.

The fat man laughed.

"Well," he said, "if you all really want me to, I don't mind showing you."

"I know a good trick," said a voice, surprisingly loud and hitherto unheard, from the settee in the corner. "I'll show you a very good trick." The voice was slightly tremulous, but it had something commanding in it almost threatening a queer tone, you would have thought, to be heard at a party. People paused, and listened. They turned and looked with interest at Percy Bones. Percy Bones stood up.

"You get a length of string," the fat man was saying. "You get hold of a length of string," he repeated, in a louder voice. But they were not listening any longer to the fat man. They were listening to Percy Bones and looking at Percy Bones as, rather white but with shining eyes, Percy Bones moved over to the front of the fireplace.

"This," he said, "is not really a trick at all; it is a demonstration of clairvoyance. If there are any people in this room who are sceptical of the genuineness of occult phenomena, will they please leave

the room while this demonstration is taking place, as their presence may cause unpleasant psychical vibrations."

"He's a medium," someone whispered. Nobody left the room.

"What I am going to do," continued Percy Bones, "is to ask you to blindfold me as heavily as you wish, and when you are completely satisfied that I can see nothing that is going on in the room, to pull a cracker. There will probably be a printed motto on a piece of paper inside the cracker, and if you will hold this piece of paper in front of my bandaged eyes and tell me the first and the last letters of the motto, so that I can tune in to the proper vibration, I will read the motto out loud to you—by clairvoyance. But please satisfy yourselves first that the blindfolding is as effective as you can make it," concluded Percy Bones in an aloof and disinterested voice. He stood with folded hands, waiting for them to blindfold him.

There was a good deal of nervous giggling. Nobody moved to begin with. Then a young man stepped forward and bound Percy's eyes firmly with the yellow handkerchief, which was lying on the table. "This scarf too," somebody else suggested, "just to make sure." He felt it being tightened, none too gently, round his temples.

"Now see what you can see," remarked with a trace of malice a voice which he recognised as the

fat man's, and immediately there was a deafening crack! as a cracker went off a few inches from his left ear, and at once another crack! a few inches from his right. Roars of laughter went up all round him. He felt slightly dazed with the noise and the excitement. "Read me the first and the last letters of the motto, please," he said quietly.

A strange voice answered.

"M is the first and the last is R," it said.

"M and R?"

"That's right."

"There was silence, broken by a little snuffle of giggling, quickly suppressed. Percy Bones stood with bent head, concentrating. Perhaps ten seconds passed. Then he threw up his head, he threw back his shoulders, and in a clear and ringing voice he declaimed: "Mistrust new friends who coax and flatter."

Tried comrades are the ones that matter."

"Good Lord!" It was the fat man's voice.

"Let me see the motto myself," came Miss Haver's voice, then: "Well I never!"

"Best trick I ever saw," said someone else.

"That was no trick," remarked a third voice, a woman's. "That was second sight."

"And the second cracker I heard you pull? What are the first and last letters of the motto in that?" asked Percy, still blind-

folded.

"That's right! Try him with another!"

"The first letter is F and the last is U," they told him. This time the answer came without hesitation:

"From beyond the ocean blue Your fate is drawing near to you."

"Never seen anything like it!"

"Uncanny, I call it."

"Let's pull another cracker." "O.K."

Crack! Crack! went the crackers. Crack! Crack! Crack! It was the trick of the evening, the trick of the season, the trick of a lifetime. Crack! Crack! and never a single mistake never so much as a falter in the voice of Percy Bones.

They kept it up until all the crackers were pulled. Then they took the bandage from his eyes. He felt the soft hands of women round his brow and ears as they loosened the bandage. His eyes, opening to the bright light, had a dazzled look, as if returned from gazing on a far-off country. There was a kind of hush. Then Miss Haver said:

"You must be worn out, Mr. Bones. Come and sit down and have a drink."

Another girl, a tender blonde, brought him the drink as he settled back on the settee; but now he was no longer withdrawn into a corner. The settee was now the focal point of the room. It was the fat man with his cards and turn-

blers of water that was forgotten now.

"I had no idea you had such gifts!" exclaimed Miss Haver, looking deep into the eyes of Percy Bones. "A proper dark horse, that's what you are," she said.

"You must come along to our New Year's Eve party next week," cried another woman, rather breathlessly, as if afraid this treasure might be snapped up before her eyes.

The blonde just sat and looked at him. Her eyes were dewy, her delicious lips slightly parted with wonder.

"Oh Mr. Bones, you are a one!" she murmured.

Percy Bones woke late in his lodgings the next morning. His head pained him, but the pulse that beat in it was not so much the pulse of a physical malaise as the heady pulse of bliss. Then he remembered. He had become a social success overnight.

With the weak but thankful gait of a convalescent, he tottered out of bed and into his clothes. There was a knock at his bedroom door. Elsie the housemaid entered with a cup of tea.

"I thought you might like a cup of tea, Mr. Bones," she said shyly, "after your late night. And here's a letter for you, Mr. Bones," she said. She watched him open the letter and read it.

Dear Mr. Bones,

It is with great pleasure that we are able to inform you that our previous year's trading has been so successful that we are planning to enlarge our business by launching out in a hitherto untried direction. Our new line will be birthday greetings cards and we are hoping that you will be willing to help us by supplying at the usual rates a selection of tasteful greetings verses suitable to the trade. We shall, of course, continue as before with the manufacture of our ten brands of high-class Christmas fancy crackers, and take this opportunity of reminding you that our cracker campaign for next Christmas is already under way and that we look forward to receiving in the near future six dozen two-line cracker mottoes as per order. With the season's greetings,

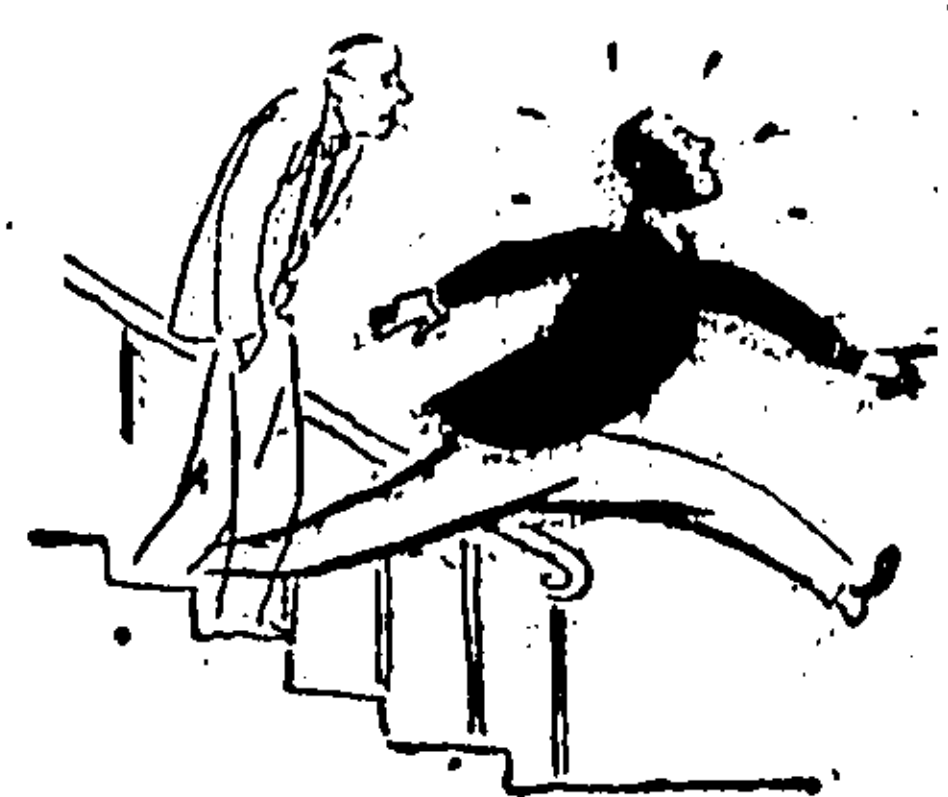
Yours very truly,

JOSEPH GODBEIN.

Specialist in fancy crackers. "Good news, Mr. Bones?" asked Elsie eagerly.

"Good news, Elsie," replied Percy Bones, sugaring his tea.

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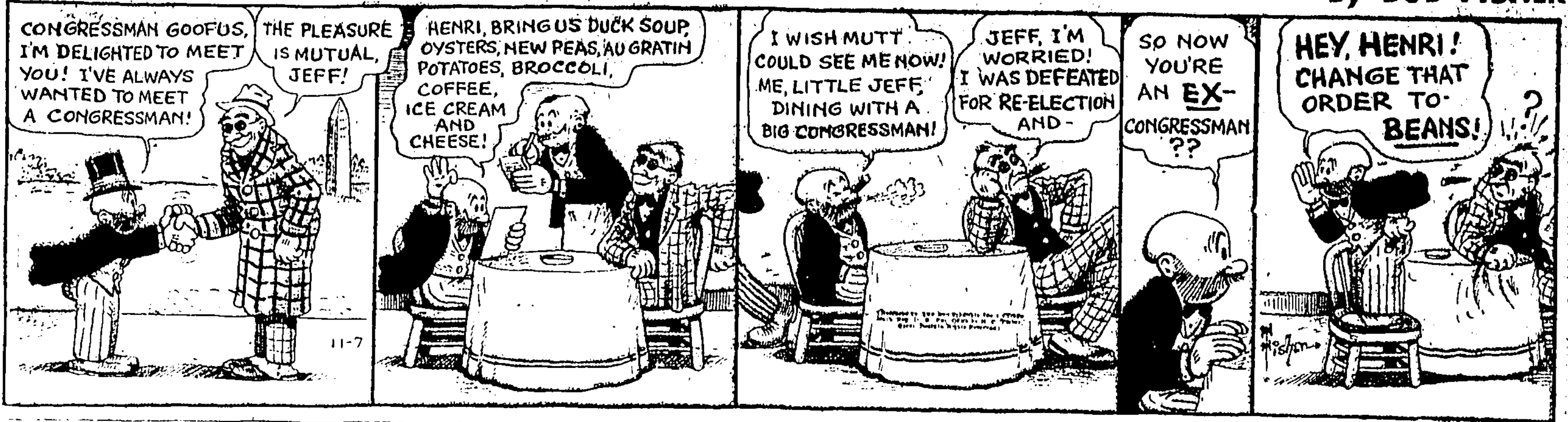
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MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Key Make-up to Clothes

This year women may wear about anything and be in fashion, for there is such a variety of creations that it is difficult to make any hard and fast rules about choice of materials, fullness of skirts, length of waistline and degree of décolleté. All we are certain about is that all the creations were made with a slender figure in mind so if you keep nicely proportioned you may wear anything that suits your type.

Because of this style dilemma the cosmetic firms have been forced to offer a wide choice of make-up colours. There are the rich, dark reds for lips and nails, with powder to blend nicely, and then there are the brilliant, clear reds, a russet shade or two and an occasional purplish lipstick. Each lipstick, of course, has its companions properly hued—face powder, rouge, nail polish, and eye make-up.

There they are for your selection. The thing to do is to point up your day costumes with one set of make-up which lends a pretty accent to your complete grooming, and then select another set for your more formal clothes, or party clothes.

Test What Colours Do

In town, you most likely will want to wear the newer deeper shades of make-up. Somehow those almost black-reds make eyes look brighter and skin more fair. But they look boydenish with sports clothes and a natural landscape. Reserve them for your night life in town, or your late afternoon tea dates.

The clear reds, soft true rose, russets and purple make-up are mixed to blend with the colours so popular during late autumn—rich greens, odd browns, inky purples, the already popular Indian Summer, and the new colour horse—midnight blue. But you cannot buy one of these shades at random and expect it to do something for your general ensemble. Take time to test the shade on the back of your hand and look at it in the broad daylight. Artificial light at cosmetic counters are deceiving—if you are going to wear it during daylight hours, look at it in daylight!

Don't Match Skin

Once beauty advisers used to tell you to key your make-up to your skin tone. This is no longer necessary. It is better to key

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This youthful belle applies a new soft red shade to her lips because it harmonises so nicely with her soft green outfit.

your make-up to the colours you wear (taking for granted that you select colours to complement your natural coloring), and then rely on a foundation cream of a shade which will give your skin a tone which will blend beautifully with the make-up harmony you have chosen. Even a light skin lady can appear two shades darker by using a deeper make-up founda-

tion lotion or cream and matching powder to it.

There is fun in making a pretty face these days. No artist had more colours to work with. But I must caution you to apply all make-up artfully so that pretty face of yours will look natural to others even though it has required twenty minutes or ten to make it ravishingly beautiful!

Is Your Scalp Excessively Oily?

Scalp conditions are frequently deceiving. You might think you have a very dry scalp when actually you have an oily condition. For unless the entire length of the hair becomes oily the day after a shampoo one is inclined to think that one's scalp is too dry if the hair is being unmanageable and lacks a healthy lustre. But according to a leading scalp specialist the ends of the hair can be brittle and dry and the scalp itself too oily—so this is how to judge.

If your hair becomes oily near the scalp three days to a week after a shampoo, it is excessively oily. Other indications are dry brittle ends, dandruff, temple hair becoming sparse, and the colour of hair fading. Very, very oily scalps make the entire length of hair greasy looking a day or two after a shampoo.

What To Do About Condition

This specialist warns that the oily scalp should not be shampooed but once in SEVERAL weeks for weekly shampooing only aggravates the condition as it causes the tiny oil glands to become relaxed and spill over on the surface of the hair instead of normally flowing into the hair shaft.

It is suggested that the scalp be kept clean by a special preparation for oily scalp which is astringent and tends to keep the too-relaxed oil glands closed. This is done by washing the hair and

rubbing the scalp with a bit of absorbent cotton wrung out of the special preparation. Thus your head is kept clean between the soap and water shampoos.

Every single day the hair should be brushed—even though that sounds contrary to reason. But the brushing actually does help normalise the condition and it is a mistake to feel that oily hair will be made more oily by brushing.

When the hair is washed one should use another special cleanser which clears the scalp of loosened cuticle before the liquid shampoo is applied.

If your scalp is excessively oily you might try this routine: Every three weeks, or once a month, shampoo your hair. Between shampoos keep your head clean as suggested and your hair well brushed. In two months time the condition should be greatly improved.

During those two months you should also refrain from eating fried foods, rich pastries or other sweets, and fatty foods. Drink plenty of fresh water each day, exercise in the open air if possible (otherwise indoors) and get plenty of sleep. Try to dry your hair in the sunshine while you are treating it. Get plenty of sleep and avoid worry or nervous strain as you would the plague! For overstimulation of the nervous system is one of the known causes for the unfortunate scalp conditions which rob any head of its natural beauty!

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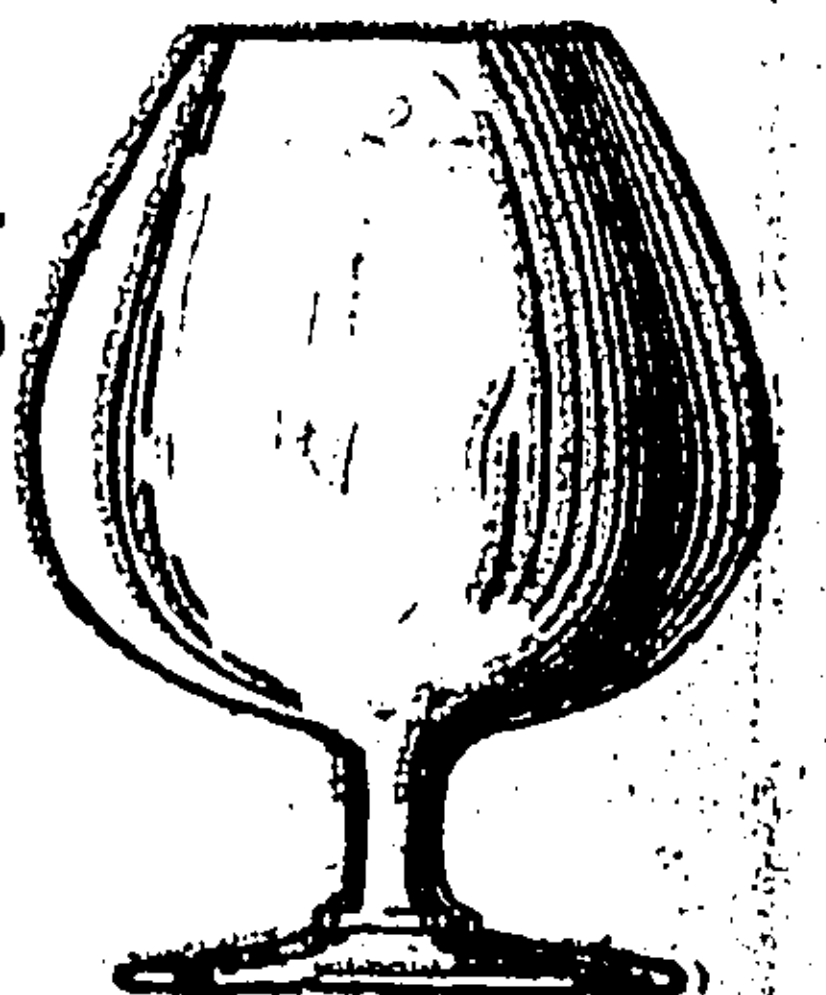
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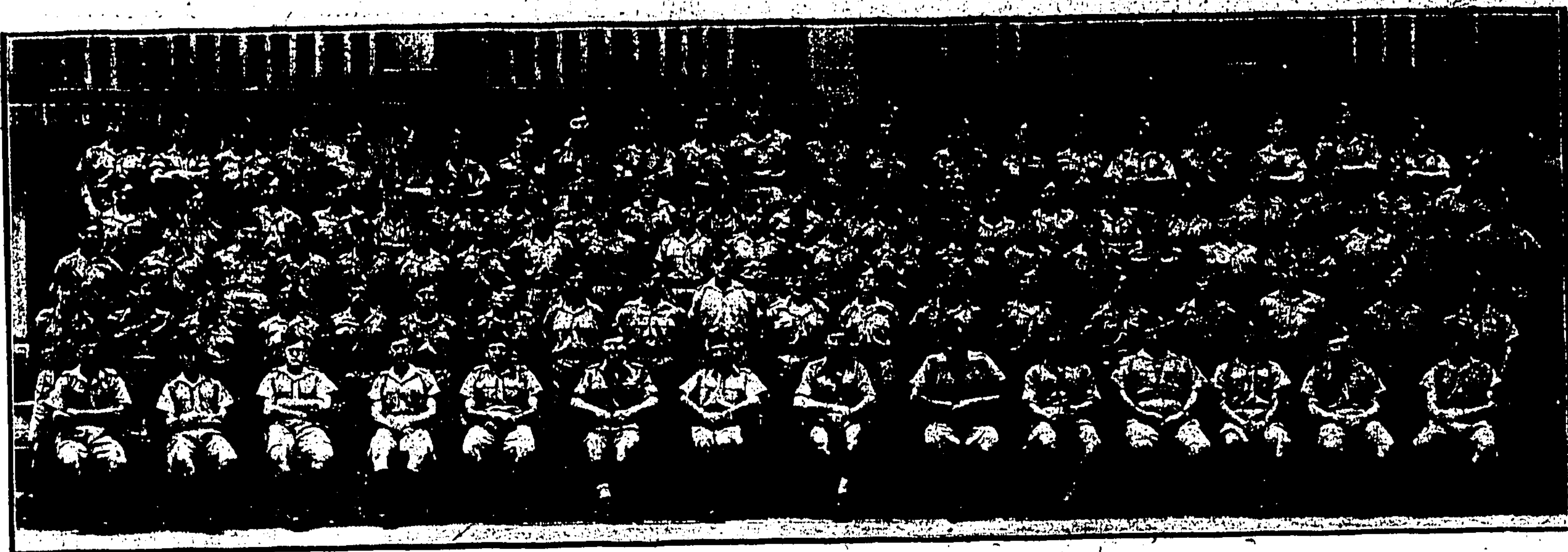
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Royal Scots On Parade



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The Royal Engineers crew, runners-up for the Brown Cup in the annual Army Rowing Regatta. Sappers lost to the Royal Artillery.



The most exciting race in the annual Army Regatta this year was for the Ah King Cup, won by the Royal Engineers (above) who beat R.A.S.C. by half a length.

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VISIT TO THE NAZI BOMBERS' GRAVE

PEOPLE WHO find it difficult to credit the staggering successes of the R.A.F. ought to be shown the graveyards of the Nazi aircraft we have destroyed, writes a special correspondent.

I went to one of these graveyards to-day, and the scene was unique. Here lie the remains of enemy bombers which came to shower death on women and children, and were shot down in the process. With them lie crumpled Messerschmidts.

You have to come to a gigantic scrap heap like this to appreciate the bringing down alone of 188 enemy aircraft on one day and 48 on another. Not all of them, of course, reach the dump. Some disappear for ever in the Channel; others are blown to bits; others, again, may come down in places not easily accessible. But the majority come in the end to the dump, to provide solid evidence of the destruction we have wrought.

Stricken Dornier

The colossal accumulation of wreckage speaks for itself. I looked at the big wing of a Dornier, with its black and white cross standing out forlornly.

Nearby were German air screws that had been twisted into fantastic shapes. Some of the blades even had bullet holes through them.

Smashed fuselages, bits of cupolas, retractable undercarriages, odd wheels and tyres, all figured in a collection of junk which contained a high proportion of sheets of strong metal. It had for the most part been concentrated as if it were tissue paper.

My guide pointed to a rough piece of fused metal resembling a heavy lump of clinker. "That is a common enough sight here," he remarked. "When the machine has caught fire the heat reduces parts of it to a blackened mass." What had once been a beautifully formed radiator is now revealed as a poor shrunken thing with the honeycomb tightly pressed into a solid block.

Daily Addition

As I wandered round, a goods train pulled into the siding about 100 yards away. Each of its long line of open trucks was loaded with a fresh consignment of crashed aeroplanes. These trains arrive so regularly that the giant heaps are added to daily.

The constant influx would prove overwhelming but for the energetic way in which hundreds of workmen apply themselves to systematically recovering all that is worth while.

Steadily they reduce the aluminium alloy to small pieces which are promptly taken to the adjacent furnace. Presently you see the result of the smelting. Ten tons of little ingots of the valuable alloy were arranged in neat piles, the work of half a week.

Ingots of this kind have helped to make many new Spitfires and Hurricanes in recent months. And many more will follow.

BOY SAVED FATHER

When an incendiary bomb fell on the bed in which he was sleeping, twelve-year-old Joe Chown, of a south-west village, thought first of his invalid father, who was in the next room.

Having got his father to safety, Joe got a bucket of earth, returned to his bedroom and coolly put out the blazing bed. "Sparks were flying near my eyes and the glare was terrible, but the earth got the better of it," he told a reporter.

Officers and men and their girl friends were dancing in a road-house in the same district when a shower of incendiary bombs rained down.

One fell on the roof of the ballroom, but was safely removed by a naval officer guest. The dancers were unaware of what had happened.

pion of cooperation between employers and workers.

Mr. Hichens was educated at Winchester and New College, Oxford, being made a Fellow of Winchester College in 1933.

He leaves a widow, three sons and three daughters. Mrs. Hichens is the youngest daughter of the late Gen. Sir Neville Lytton.

SHIPPING CHIEF KILLED

Mr. William Lionel Hichens, chairman of Cammell Laird and Co., a director of the L.M.S. Railway and other large industrial concerns, and a member of the Carnegie New York Trust, has been killed in a London air raid. He was 66.

It was at a critical time in the history of the great shipbuilding concern of Cammell Laird, in 1910, that Mr. Hichens became chairman. Under his control there was extensive reorganisation, and the task was completed before the outbreak of war in 1914. He was also a director of the British Steel Corporation. There was no warmer cham-

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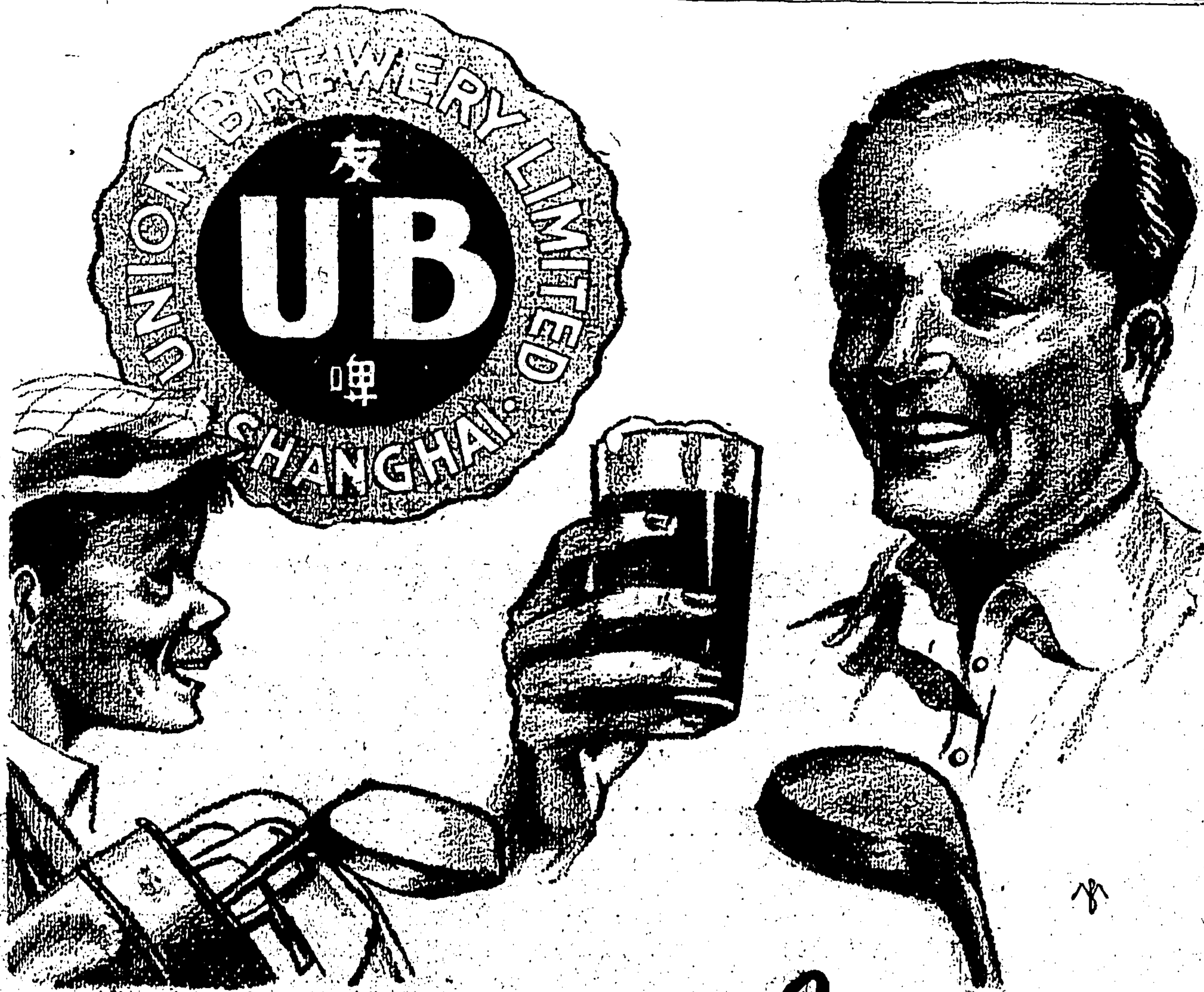
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A public meeting of those interested in the Evacuation Representation Committee will be held at the Peninsula Hotel on FRIDAY, December 27, at 6 p.m., to receive a statement from the Committee in connection with the reply to the Petition submitted on November 22.

F. C. CLEMO,
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THE TWENTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Head Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Saturday, 21st December, 1940, at 12 o'clock (Noon), for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the financial year ended 30th September, 1940, and electing Directors and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS AND REGISTER OF SHAREHOLDERS will be closed from Monday, 25th November, 1940, to Saturday, 21st December, 1940, both days inclusive.

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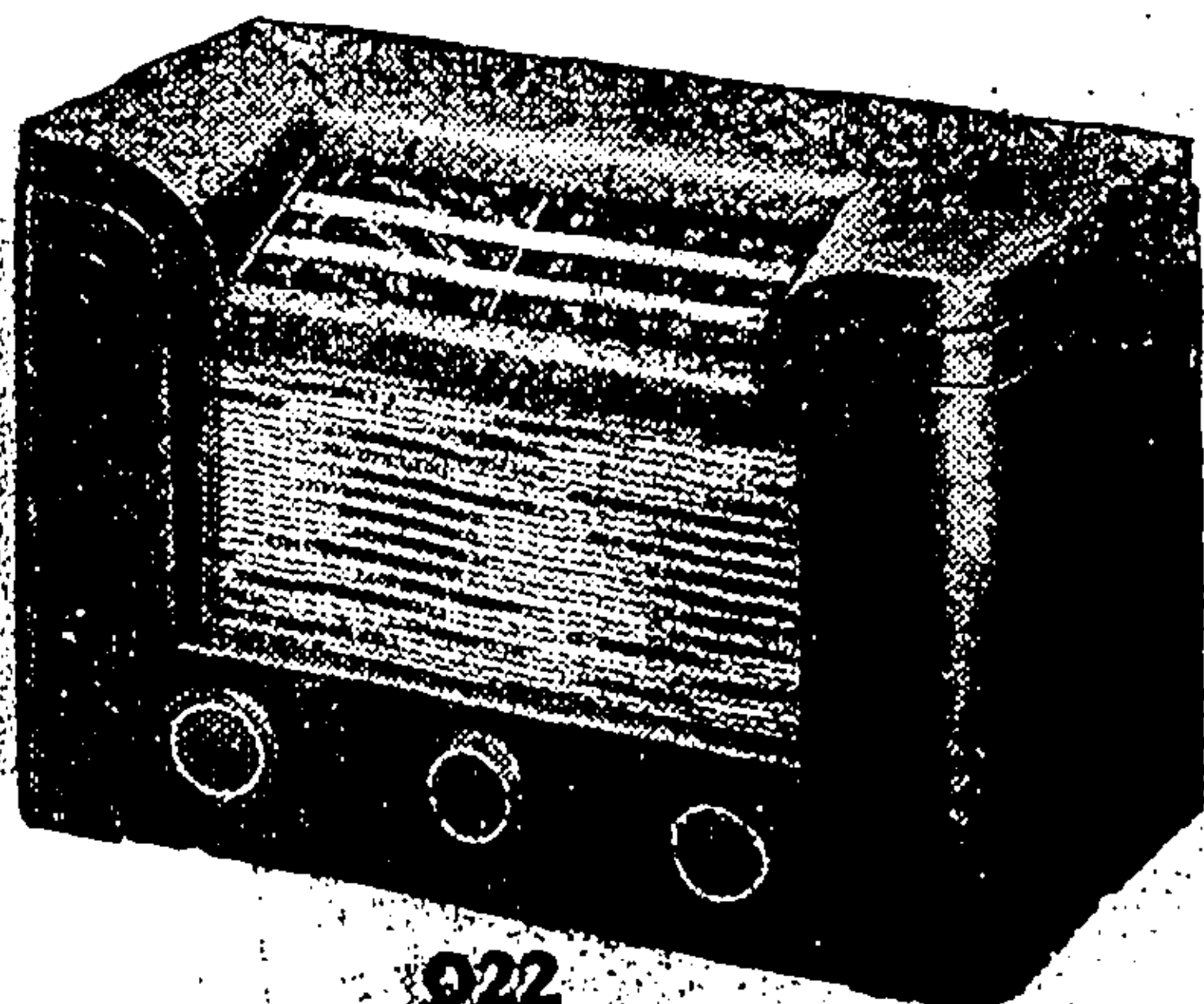
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BRIDGE NOTES

CRACKING DOWN

By The Four Aces

When you play against optimistic opponents, it's a good idea to wait patiently until they get themselves out on a limb; then crack down on them. In the accompanying hand, East felt sure that his over-aggressive opponents were over their heads because otherwise they'd have bid game instead of stopping short at three hearts. His double, coupled with a fine defence, netted a very handsome sum:

North, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

♠ K 9 8 4
♥ 5
♦ K 9 8 7
♣ A K Q 5
♠ Q J 10
♥ J 6 2
♦ Q 4 2
♣ 9 8 6 3
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♠ A 7 5 3
♥ A 7 3
♦ A 10 6 3
♣ J 10
♠ 6 2
♥ K Q 10 9 8 4
♦ J 6
♣ 7 4 2

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♠	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl.	Pass	Pass

West opened the Queen of spades, holding the trick. The suit was continued, and South ruffed the third round. Declarer led a

club to dummy's Queen and returned a trump. East ducked, and South won with the heart King. For lack of any better, South then led two more rounds of clubs, East ruffing

the third round with his low trump. East then laid down the Ace of spades, and South decided to discard a diamond rather than ruff. West also discarded a diamond, where-upon East promptly cashed the Ace of diamonds and led another diamond for South to ruff. Declarer returned a low trump, allowing East to win with the trump Ace; and then another diamond lead made it impossible for South to shut out West's Jack of hearts. In all, South won only six tricks, for an 800-point set.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ Q 8 6
♥ J 7
♦ K 10 8 6
♣ Q 9 8 7

The bidding:

Schenken	Jacoby	You	Maier
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♠	Pass	(7)	Pass

ANSWER: Bid two no-trump. Your partner's "reverse" bidding indicates a hand substantially stronger than a minimum opening bid; and with your supporting strength a game is not too much to hope for.

Score 100% for two no-trump, 20% for three hearts, 10% for pass.

Question No. 594

To-day you are Merwin Maier's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold.

♠ 9 7 6 4
♥ J 7
♦ K 10 8 6
♣ K 9 7

The bidding:

Maier	Schenken	You	Jacoby
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♠	Pass	(7)	Pass

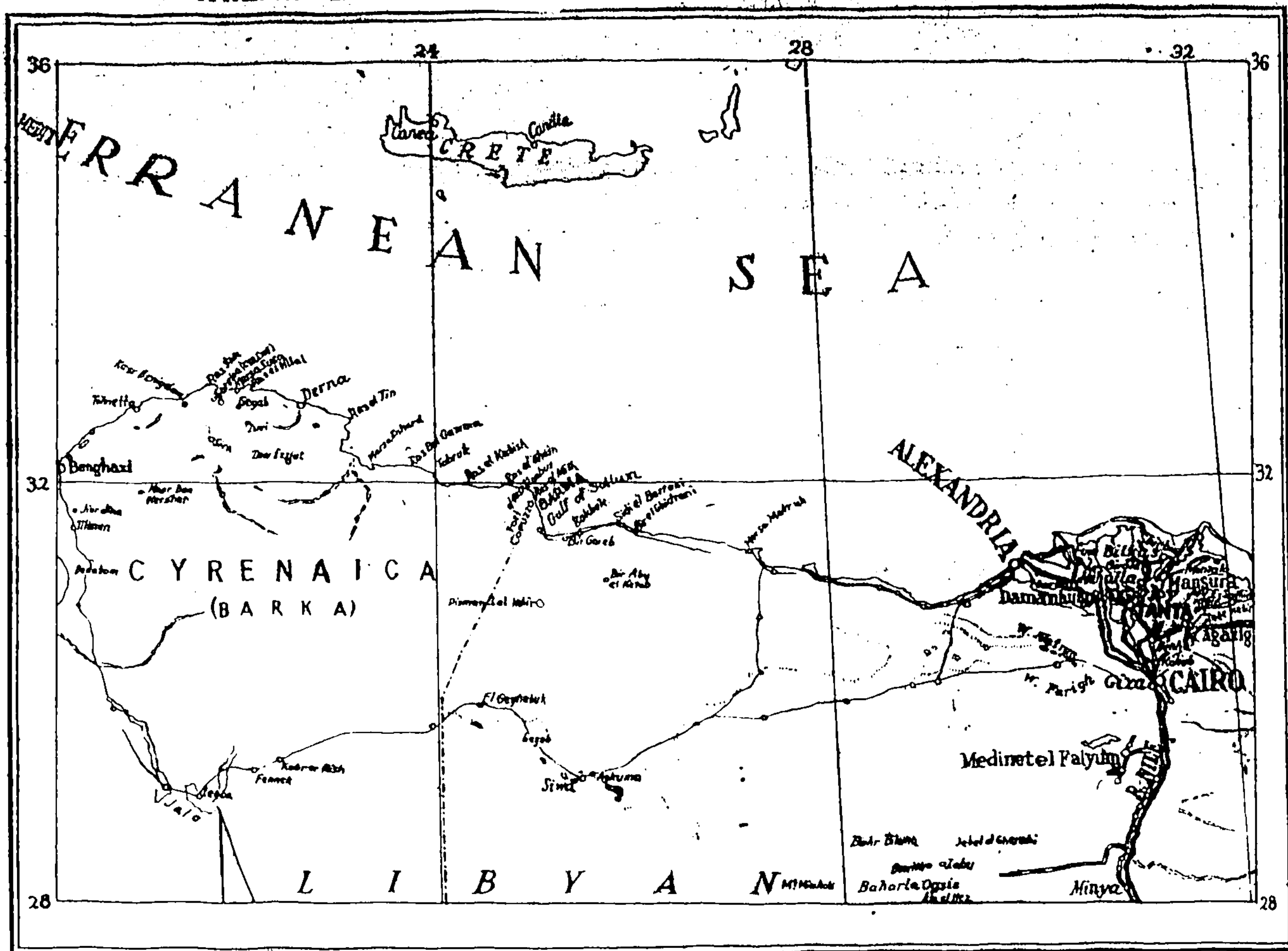
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'BUSES AFTER THE SIRENS

Provincial buses should carry passengers desiring to travel after the alert has sounded until there are definite indications that an actual attack in the vicinity is likely.

This is the recommendation to members of the national council for the omnibus industry, representing employers and employees and covering 90,000 workers, as the result of the suggestion from

the Ministry of Transport. A similar recommendation may soon be made to the provincial municipal transport undertakings, who have 80,000 workers. Arrangements for London, which has 40,000 passenger transport workers, are still under consideration.

A letter from the Ministry of Transport to the national council of the omnibus industry stated: "The Minister is confident that those engaged in passenger trans-

port, mindful that the maintenance of output is dependent on their services, will continue to carry passengers desiring to travel after the sirens have sounded until there are definite indications that an actual attack in the vicinity is likely to take place."

The council agreed that arrangements to give effect to the request should be the result of mutual discussion between employers and trade unions.

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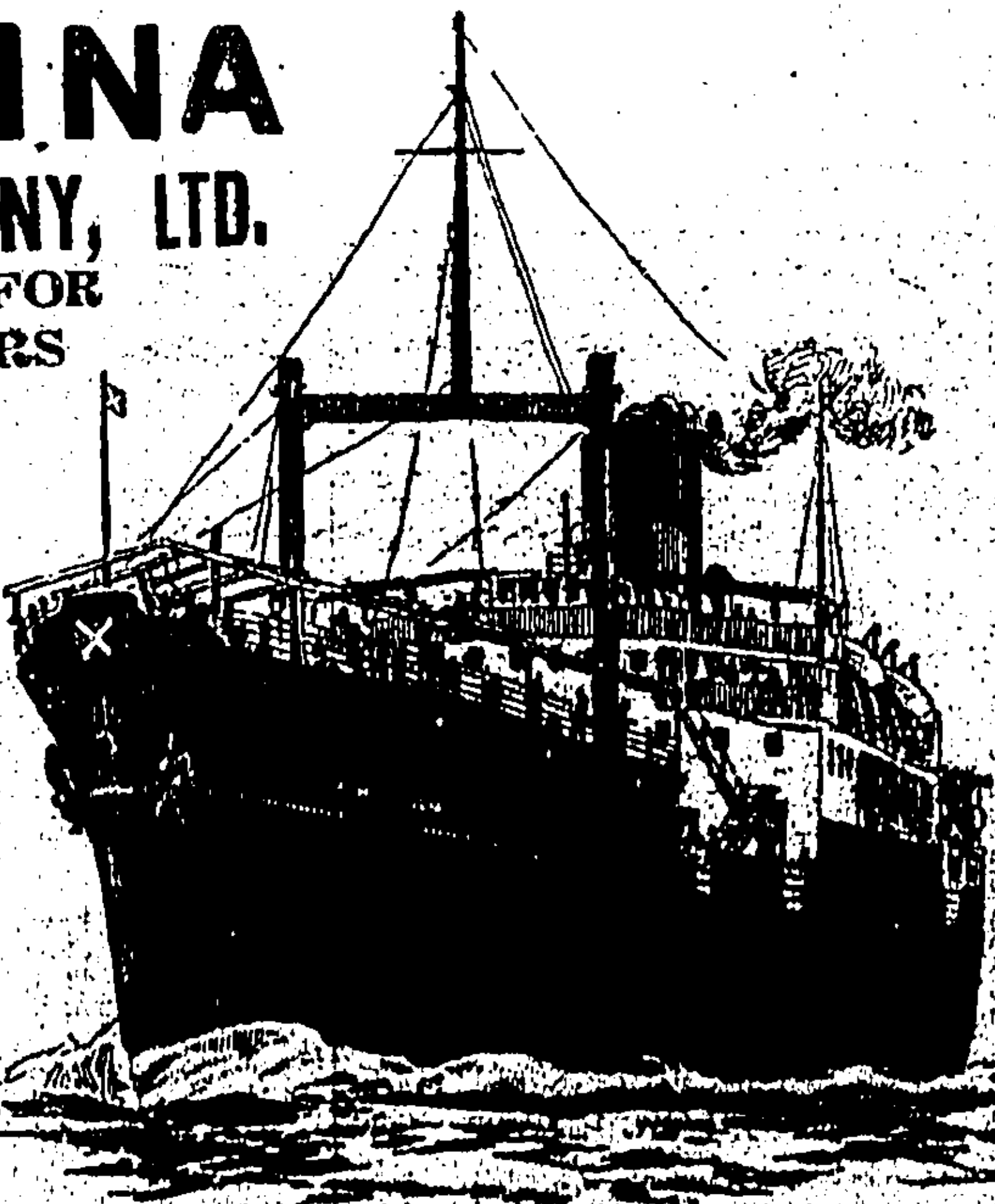
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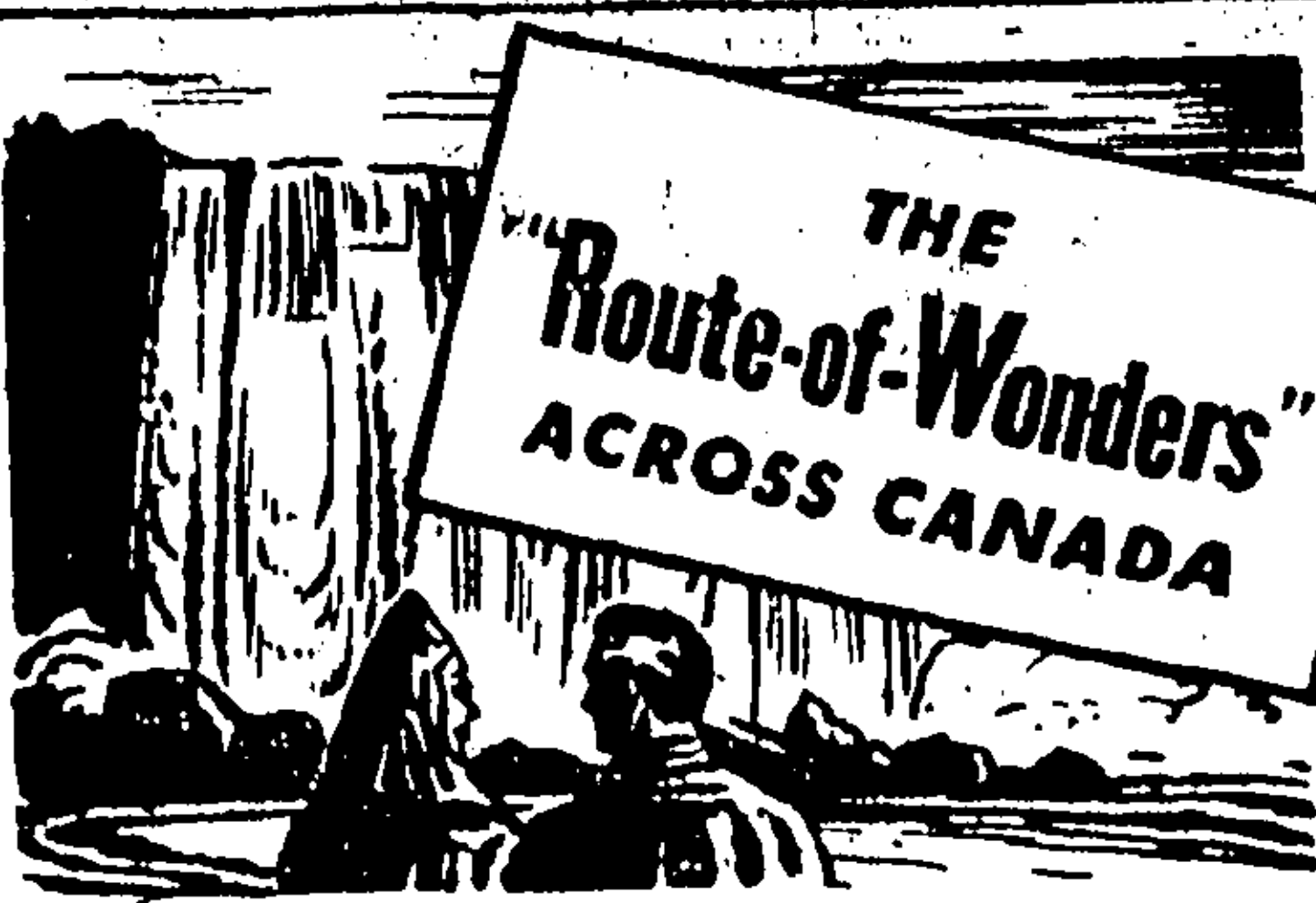
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1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Charles Kullman (Tenor) and Albert Sandler and His Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 p.m.—Dance Music by Henry Jacques and His Correct Dance Tempo Orchestra.

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8.03 p.m.—Variety Programme, with Primo Scala's Accordion Band, Gladie Fields, Arthur Riscoe, Azarola, Stanley Holloway, Jack Warner, Al Bollington, Leslie Sarony, and The Mills Brothers.

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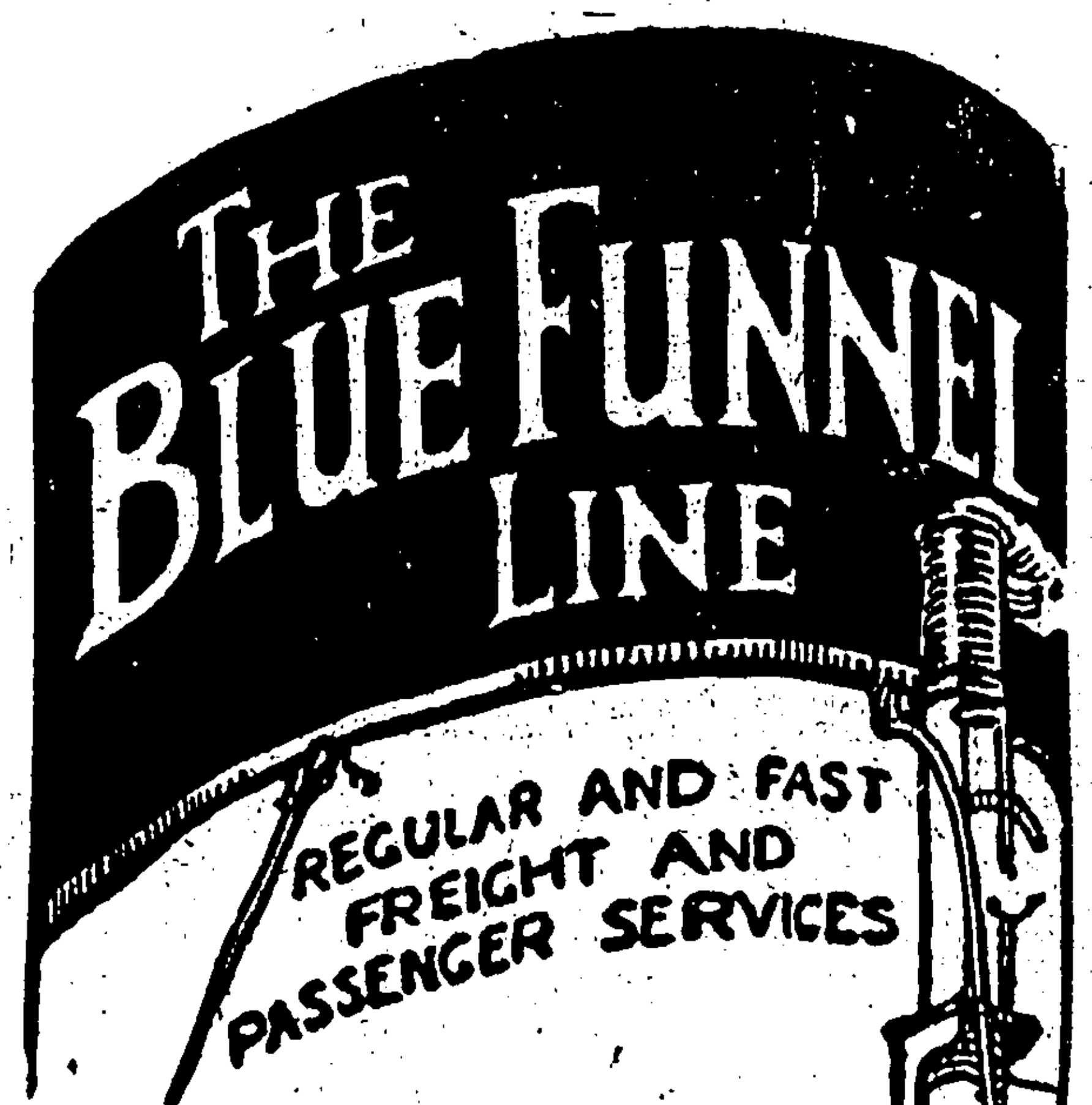
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Post-Summer Racing Review

Marber Stables Head List Of Successful Owners

Donald Black Proves A Worthy Champion Jockey

By "Rapier"

THE THIRTEENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING, HELD ON SATURDAY, WRUNG DOWN THE CURTAIN ON RACING AT THE VALLEY FOR 1940. IT WAS A FITTING CLIMAX TO A VERY SUCCESSFUL AND MOST ENJOYABLE YEAR.

In reviewing racing activity following the summer recess, one cannot but be impressed with the part the weather has played in almost every meeting. Ideal conditions prevailed throughout and this in itself was responsible to a great extent for the increased attendances, and cash sweeps naturally benefitted, most of the prizes being extraordinarily good.

The grass track was returned during the Summer vacation and the going on the whole was most satisfactory.

The officials of Hong Kong Jockey Club were again tireless in their efforts to cater for the comfort of their members and the public and in this connection the members' pari-mutuel counters were moved to the middle of the building and the wall, formerly behind the counters, pulled down in order to give more room. A new "Daily Double" counter to save the inconvenience of members having to cross over to the public stands for the purchase of these tickets was also installed.

Marber and Marber I combined were the most successful stables with 11 wins, followed by Messrs. Li Po-chun and T. K. L. with 9 wins each.

H.E.'s Interest

Since his arrival in the Colony, His Excellency Lieut.-General E. F. Norton, the Acting Governor, has shown great interest in racing and has attended several of the meetings, and I hope one day to see his colours at the Valley.

Turning now to the jockeys, Mr. Donald Black is to be congratulated on having again attained the coveted honour of being champion jockey.

He last attained this position in 1936. He had 37 firsts, 13 seconds and 20 thirds to his credit, with 84 unplaced outings. His championship title was assured after the Eleventh Extra Meeting when he scored four winners in the afternoon.

Mr. Chao was second with 31 wins, 24 seconds and 19 thirds, while Mr. Wei was third with 24 wins, 16 seconds and 19 thirds.

Commander D. H. S. Craven made his debut on the local course at the Eighth Extra Meeting and broke his duck when he piloted Eve of Hunting to win the Hunan Handicap (first section) on the second day of the meeting. He then went on to win again in the Langholm Handicap on Cheertur Star. If he stays here long enough he will become more accustomed to the course and should then be a force to be reckoned with on Australian ponies, on which he is already quite adept.

Mr. Treverton Graduates

Mr. G. Treverton graduated from the Novice Class on the commencement of the second half of the season when he brought in Strahbannock to a surprise win in the Island Bay Handicap (second section) and paid \$492.61 for a win.

Mr. Eric Moller's son, Mr. "Boojie" Moller, did not come down this year from Shanghai for the Hong Kong St. Leger, a trip which he has specially made in the last two years. This was probably due to the death of his father's pony, Satinlight, winner of the Hong Kong Derby in record time of 2:50-4/5 secs. Satinlight died of colic last June, and although Mr. Moller, sr., still possesses Recylight and Spicylight he must have judged that neither of them would have much chance. Messrs. Davis, Sung and Needa were the most successful jockeys in the classic events, the former taking two and the others one each.

A Record

Only one new record was established in the second half of the season, this being accomplished by Confusion Bay belonging to Mr. T. K. Li in the Hong Kong

Autumn Champions over the 1 1/4 miles distance, when it beat Burford the champion pony. The race was fought out at a terrific pace with the result that the record was lowered by two-fifths of a second. It was indeed a meritorious achievement and Mr. S. L. Sung, the jockey, deserves credit for the very able manner in which he handled his mount.

New Griffins

Among the China ponies, griffins of this year, one cannot be too enthusiastic as, due to unforeseen circumstances, one after the other of the top-notchers either died or went lame during the second half of the season.

When the Hong Kong St. Leger came along only two ponies, O-Lan and Dupont Bay, faced the starter.

Although it did not start in the Hong Kong St. Leger on account of last-minute lameness, on the strength of its second placing in the Hong Kong Autumn Champions on Saturday, Burford must still be regarded as the best during the second half as it beat O-Lan, the Hong Kong St. Leger winner, by half a length.

The next best pony in line of merit is undoubtedly O-Lan, which, as stated above, won the Hong Kong St. Leger and then came in third to Burford in the Autumn Champions. Craigavad must be regarded as next on the list on account of its win in the Gretna Green Handicap for "A" class ponies over six furlongs in record time. This record is unofficial, however, as the pony raced under weight for inches.

Dupont Bay did quite well to win the Hong Kong Griffins Cup and then come in second to O-Lan and Craigavad in the Hong Kong St. Leger and the Gretna Green Handicap respectively, losing on both occasions by the narrowest margin.

Distinctive Time and Resisting Time, both belonging to Mr. Li Po-chun, each had a win to its credit, the former in the Double Tenth Plate, and the latter in the Island Bay Handicap (first section).

Thirty Six, belonging to Numerals, won the Kwangtung Handicap for "C" class ponies at the Ninth Extra Meeting carrying 168 lb. and gave the lucky holder of ticket No. 265429, in the special dollar sweep, the handsome prize of \$168,112.00.

Blue Gate, belonging to Mr. Hung, did not race at the Annual Meeting and failed in the first half of the season, but it improved rapidly after the Summer recess

and won the Copshawholm Handicap (first section). Mr. Hung is unfortunate as this pony which obviously had a great future before it, has been declared over-height by the Official Measure and will be barred for racing next year.

Kentucky, belonging to Mr. C. F. Chiu, did not race at the Annual Meeting; it foaled during the summer recess and, on recovering, took part in the Norfolk Handicap, a race for novice jockeys, which it won with effortless ease to be immediately promoted to "B" class.

This pony should do well in the future as it is quite young.

Hillsboro Bay, after winning the Yunnan Handicap (first section) over the two-mile post, was not regarded as a long distance pony, but it almost sprung a surprise in the St. Andrew's Stakes over the Derby distance, only losing to Galaxy, the winner, by a short head. Jane Doe, failing in every race in which it participated, confounded its critics by winning the Copshawholm Handicap (second section) when ridden by Mr. S. W. Tang over the Champions distance to pay \$108.20 for a winning ticket.

Victoria, ridden by Mr. Pih, failed in the Island Bay Handicap (second section) but redeemed itself in the Yunnan Handicap (second section) which it won easily. In the Kwangtung Handicap, however, it was made firm favourite but could only finish second to Thirty Six.

Eve of Hunting (Mr. Craven), Hughber (Mr. Chao), Eve of Dancing (Mr. Wood) and Gay Star (Mr. Hearne) were other ponies of this season with wins to their credit.

New Australian Ponies

Sapper is undisputedly the best of the new Australian subscription ponies of this season. It won the Fremantle St. Leger and then went on to win the Queensland Autumn Champions.

Next to Sapper comes Far View which, although unplaced in the Fremantle St. Leger, had the better of Sapper in the Diamond Bay Handicap over the mile. Over short distances it is hard to beat.

Amicus Curiae did not have a win to its credit but should be judged third on its second placing to Sapper in the Fremantle St. Leger and a couple of other placings.

It will bear watching at the Annual Meeting over medium distances as it has improved. Viceroy has had two wins—the Vaucluse Handicap for "B" class and the New South Wales Handicap for "A" class—and was third in the Queensland Autumn Champions. Under Mr. Black it should register further wins.

Income Tax also had two successes, its first when ridden by Mr. Wei in the Gosford Handicap when it dead-heated with Brown Derby in the "C" class, and the

other in the Nullah Nullah Handicap (first section) with Mr. Tao up, when it paid the second biggest dividend of the year, \$330.30.

Brown Derby, belonging to Cocon, must be regarded as one of the most improved ponies as it won the Gosford Handicap in a dead-heat with Income Tax, in the "C" class, and later, carrying 162 lb., won the Katoomba Handicap, also in "C" Class. Promoted to "B" class it dead-heated for the first place with Pumpernickel in the Nullah Nullah Handicap (second section) and then won the New Bridge Handicap (first section) from the five furlongs post, confounding the racing public and paying \$77.70 for a winning ticket.

It was promptly promoted to "A" class and, although it appeared in the Jeddart Handicap over the mile, it was unplaced.

Cheerful Star, belonging to E. S. K., had two wins, the first in the Ballarat Handicap with Mr. Tao up and the second in the Langholm Handicap when ridden by Mr. Craven. This pony appears to have a great future ahead even if promoted to "B" class.

Piccadilly Jim, when owned by Winner, did not do as well as expected, but immediately the Lee Bros. took it over for \$1,500.00, it proved itself a long-distance racer, won the Queensland Handicap for "C" class and then went on to win the Canobie Lea Handicap for "B" class, both over two miles, the successful jockey on both occasions being Mr. Chao. This pony will be keenly watched when pitted against the best in "A" class over this distance.

Australian Diamond, after winning the Australian Ponies Autumn Plate over the Champions

distance with Mr. Wei up, did not score again although made hot favourite in the Jeddart Handicap when it was unplaced, and Catterick Bridge, which was discarded by the Dynasty Stable, was bought by Mr. C. L. Gregory at the Public Auction and scored its first win in the Queenscliff Handicap for "D" class.

Warrego River, under Mr. Black, had two wins to its credit. Other ponies that have won once are Springhurst (Mr. Poy), Venus Bay (Mr. Needa), A Green Time (Mr. Proulx), Shuttlecock (Mr. Black), Maple Star (Mr. Yeung Wing-kwai) and Quick Despatch (Mr. Black).

Old Australian Ponies

Among the old Australian Subscription ponies I consider Baffin Bay the best on the strength of its win over the mile in the Jeddart Handicap for "A" class ponies that had not won \$3,500, and its second placing to Sapper in the Queensland Autumn Champions.

Regarded as a long distance pony it disappointed badly when, as second favourite in the New South Wales Handicap from the two mile post, it ran unplaced.

Lancashire Chips must be regarded as the second best although it had not a win to its credit. It was placed four times and was very unlucky not to win the Jeddart Handicap when ridden by Mr. Treverton, losing to Baffin Bay by a short head.

Pumpernickel (Mr. Proulx) dead-heated with Brown Derby for the first position in the Nullah Nullah Handicap (second section)

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RACING

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for "B" class over the mile and was instrumental for a record "Daily Double" dividend of \$7,572.00. This pony led all round but, at the critical stage of the race, Mr. Proulx, the jockey, looked backward and by so doing gave Mr. Black, who was on Brown Derby, an opportunity of dead-heating.

Had it won, the single ticket-holder of this "Double" would have been richer by a further \$7,572.00.

Criffel, after having remained quiet for quite a long while, came into the picture by winning the New Bridge Handicap (second section) from the 1½-mile post, beating Contact with Mr. Needa up by a short head, and then going on to win the Dilatory Handicap over the mile by a short-head from Vixen Tor, Mr. Davis up; on both occasions it was ridden by Mr. Black.

(This article will be concluded to-morrow.)

D.B.S. BEAT MEDICALS

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The following are the selected teams:—

LADIES'

Macao:—Cheng Shing-hin, Ho Shiu-fun, Lee Ying-ngor, Law Sin, Shek Yim-ngan, Lau Tung-fai, Tai Chi-fong, Chan Kam-ing, Yeung Siu-hing and Chui Sau-wun.

Hong Kong:—Yeung Wai-bun (Capt.), Lee Kai-ying, Chiu Kunsun, Wong Oi-lan, So Yim-ying, Mok Wun-king, Lo Shiu-ting, Leung Chiu-kit, Lo Chiu-yim and Tsang Kwai-fong.

MEN'S

Macao:—Yeung Kam-chan, Cheng Kwok-wing, Luk Na-wu, Wong Wing-nin, Wong Wing-on, Leung Man-wun, Wu Kam-ying, Kwok Kwun-ying, Kwun Wing-po and Chen Shu-chung.

Hong Kong:—Lung Chak-fai, Li Chun-hang, Lo Kwai-sang, Wong Yip-sang, Wu Wing-shong, Yung King-wan, Li Cha-chiu, Lau Sik-shong, Chau Chan-kau and Luk Kwok-chu.

TWO games in the Small Units' Rugby Leagues were played at Sookunpoo on Tuesday—between Royal

Rugby Scots 'B' and R.A.S.C., and Middlesex and Hong Kong Signals Company.

Royals are still one point ahead of Middlesex in the League, which will be decided when they meet in the near future.

The Royals beat Royal Army Service Corps by three tries (nine points) to nil after leading by six points at the interval. Bateman opened the scoring for the Scots, followed by Sims with a second try, and late in the second half Mackenzie scored the third. All tries were unconverted.

Middlesex beat Signals by two tries (six points) to nil. Capt. Man scored the Middles' first unconverted try, and Lieut. Hancock scored their second a few minutes from the end of the game.

It should be a very good game to watch when Middlesex meet the Royals.

WEDNESDAY brought the end of the Small Units Football Knockout Competition, Headquarters Company of the

Football Middlesex defeating the Royal Scots by the only goal of the match scored in the last minute.

The Royals were more aggressive than their opponents and were unlucky on many occasions.

The Middles scored their goal in the last minute when O'Mahoney first-timed the ball into the net after it had rebounded from the cross-bar from a shot sent in by Pearson.

At the conclusion of the game the General Officer Commanding, Major General A. E. Grasett, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., presented the winners with the Small Units Football Cup, and Cups, and the runners up with silver medals. He also presented the Referee with a Silver Whistle.

The Sappers are still winning in Second Division, and are the only remaining team in all League football not to have lost a game this season.

The Service Corps are the highest goal scorers with 65 goals.

AT King's Park on Monday Middlesex beat the Royal Scots in the Large Units Hockey League by five clear goals.

Middlesex have a strong team this year, and it is a pity that they were unable to enter the Hong Kong Hockey League, which in my opinion they might have won.

Royals were completely outplayed from the start, and the goal scorers were Jackson, Bright, Moggeridge, and Sheehan (2). Lieut. Fergus played a brilliant game for the Scots.

IN the first round of the Artillery Polo Cup, Middlesex were beaten by the Islanders by four goals to one.

The Middlesex polo team this year is having bad luck, and does not seem to be able to get going in any of the tournaments.

The Islanders started strongly and scored two goals in the first chukker through Major Hunt and Colonel Way.

In the second chukker Lieut. Hancock reduced the score, but the Islanders continued to dominate the play and scored two further goals through J. K. Bousfield, Middlesex Regt. — Capt. T. W. Chatterley, Capt. W. H. Chatterley, Lieut. Hancock, and Capt. Fishbourne.

Islanders: — Major Hunt, Colonel Way, L. A. Lewis, and J. K. Bousfield.

To-day the Topkhamas will meet the Stoges at 4.30 p.m., the teams being:—

Topkhamas—Capt. Munro, Major Trevor, Major Duncan, and Lieut. Fielden.

Stoges—Major Penfold, Capt. Atkinson, Major Fisher, and Lieut. B. R. Smith.

IN a friendly game at C.B.S. on Wednesday the Signals beat R.A.P.C. by one wicket.

The batting on both sides was not up to expectations and Chalcraft of the Pay Corps and Pitcher of the Signals were the only two to make a decent showing. Chalcraft made 26 runs for the Pay Corps, and Cpl. Ingleby took seven wickets for 20 runs for the same team.

Pitcher made 31 runs for the Signals, and Dixon took 6 wickets for 29 runs, assisted by Murphy who took 4 wickets for 35 runs.

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HENRY ARMSTRONG AWARDED

Henry Armstrong, the muscular negro who once held three world boxing titles simultaneously—the only man in history to achieve such a feat—and who recently lost his sole remaining championship, was given the Edward J. Neil award for being the outstanding contributor to boxing during the year.

The Boxing Writers Association also recognised Little Dado, Filipino scrapper, as the world fly-weight champion, with another Filipino, Little Pancho, and Manuel Ortiz as the leading challengers. Little Dado also is recognised as the champion by the National Boxing Association.

The boxing writers also ruled that Harry Jeffra is the feather-weight titleholder and rated young Billy Conn, light-heavy-weight champion, and Max Baer, former world heavyweight titleholder, as the leading challengers in the division presided by Joe Louis.



CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH

A charity football match in aid of Christmas comforts for Chinese inmates of the various hospitals will be held at 10.30 a.m. on December 22 on the Hong Kong Football Club ground, when the Health Division of the Medical Department will meet the Hospital Division.

There will be no fixed admission charge, but contributions will be gratefully received. The teams will be as follows:

Health Division.—Wong Wing-sum; E. J. Whitgob and E. T. Harris; M. E. Purvis, V. M. Benwell and Chung Wing-kwong; Dr. G. I. Shaw, R. A. J. Simpson, A. W. Fowler, A. W. Mackenzie and Leung Tak-wai. Reserves: E. D. Robbins and J. G. Hooper.

Hospital Division.—F. Angus; Dr. D. J. Valentine and K. I. Lau; G. Yu, J. Skinner and Y. Leung; T. Pile, W. K. Lau, E. Hopkinson, L. H. Li and M. J. Zammom. Reserves: C. Haynes, Y. Hassan, W. Type, K. H. Pang and S. Cheung. Referee: J. F. McGowan.

PORTUGAL XI FOR CHARITY

Portugal's team, against England in the "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup Competition to be played on December 26, will be selected from the following:—

U. B. Souza (International), D. Nemeo (St. Joseph's), A. V. Gosano (Kwong Wah), B. T. Gosano (Kwong Wah), C. F. Remedios (Kwong Wah), J. Pereira (Kwong Wah), D. D'Aquino (International), V. Marques (International), R. Rocha (International), H. Campos (International), G. Gosano (International), R. Maxwell (Kowloon), C. Santos (St. Joseph's), J. Gomes (St. Joseph's), D. Alves (St. Joseph's), A. Alves (St. Joseph's), and G. Fernandes (St. Joseph's).

The final selection will be made at the dressing room on Boxing Day.

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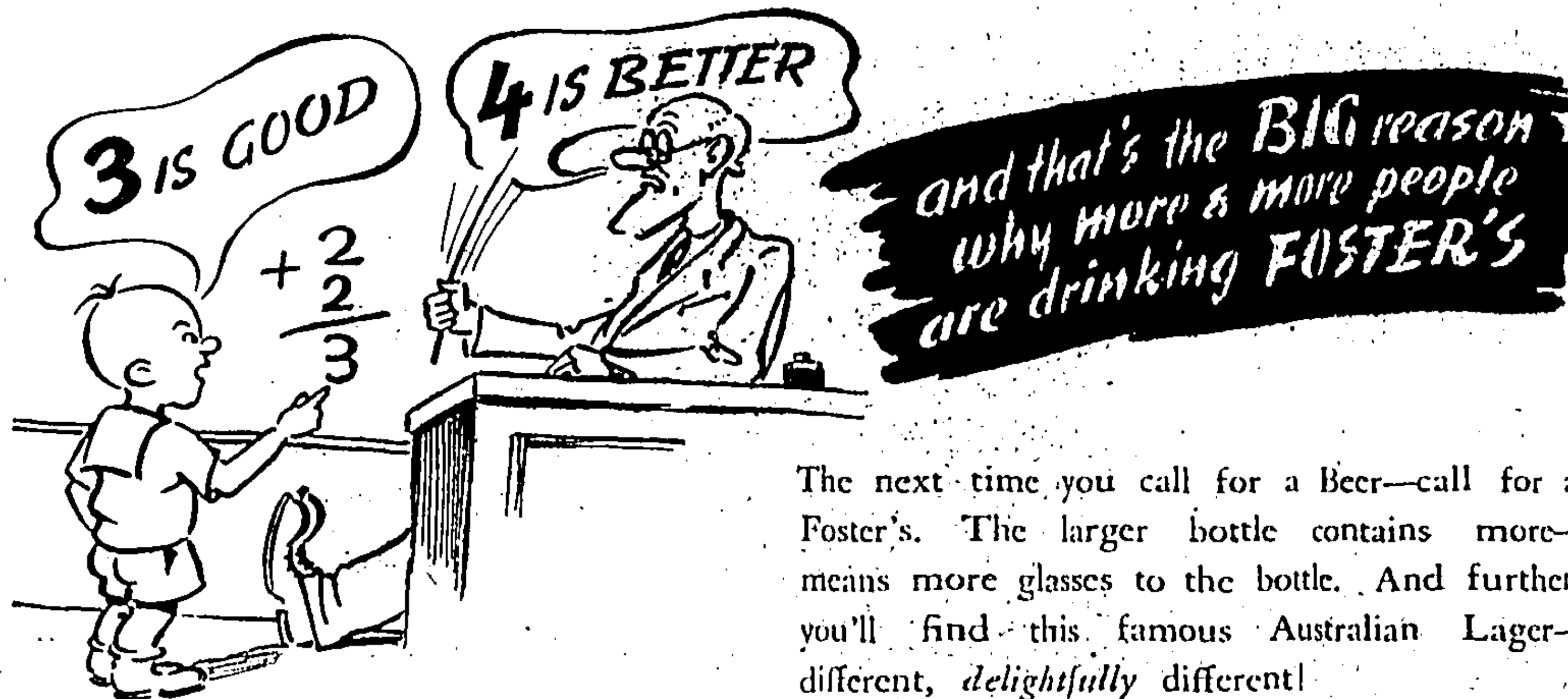


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BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

COMPETITION FOR TULSA'S SHIP'S COMPANY

By "Strike"

The U.S.S. Tulsa having returned to port, a very interesting Duck Pin Competition among the ship's company has been arranged.

Six teams of four players each from the first, second, fourth, fifth and seventh divisions, and one team of officers are competing and several matches have already been played.

Each team plays five three-game matches, and the two teams with the highest aggregate scores will then play off a five-game match to decide the winner. The winning team will receive a carton of Schlitz Beer very kindly presented by Messrs. L. Rondon and Company, Ltd.

The schedule is as follows providing there are no unforeseen circumstances such as duties etc.

Monday, December 16
1st Division v. 2nd Division
4th Division v. 5th Division
Tuesday, December 17
7th Division v. Officers
1st Division v. 4th Division
Wednesday, December 18
2nd Division v. 5th Division
7th Division v. 1st Division
Thursday, December 19
2nd Division v. Officers
4th Division v. 7th Division
Friday, December 20
1st Division v. Officers
2nd Division v. 4th Division
Monday, December 23
5th Division v. 1st Division
7th Division v. 2nd Division
Thursday, December 26
4th Division v. Officers
5th Division v. 7th Division
Friday, December 27
5th Division v. Officers

The first match of the series was played as per schedule on Monday. It was between First Division and Second Division, and resulted in a win for Second Division by 60 less than 100 pins, the scores being as follows:

Second Division—1104
First Division—938

Evans of Second Division was easily the top-scorer of the match, with 297, followed closely by Pierce, also of Second Division, with 281.

The remaining players on both sides were mediocre and only averaged from about 75 pins to 85 pins per game. Nevertheless the match produced a good deal of interest and keenness.

The average score per player for Second Division was 92 pins, and for First Division, 78.2 pins per game.

Win For Fifth

The second match of the series was also played on Monday, between the Fourth and Fifth Divisions, Fifth winning by 68 pins. It was expected that the experienced Drewes and Vasko, good Duck Pin bowlers that they are, would lead the Fourth Division to victory, but they were not at their best.

Score:—

Fifth Division—1,165
Fourth Division—1,097

The star bowler of this match was Borg of Fifth Division with a brilliant 313—the highest score for both matches. His average was slightly over 104 pins per game. He registered two scores of over 100—a 102 in his second game and a useful 116 in his third.

Engle of Fifth Division, with 287, also contributed greatly to his side's victory.

Following Engle closely were Nichoff (also Fifth Division) and Vasko scoring 285 pins, while Koch of Fifth Division secured 280. Barney and MacLanahan for Fourth Division tied with 274.

Drewes of Fourth Division was evidently not in form, his 284 (lowest score of this match) being well below his usual standard.

Officers Beaten

On Tuesday, there were two further inter-divisional matches played. The first was between Officers and Seventh Division and resulted in a win for Seventh Division by 112 pins.

The scores were as follows:
Seventh Division—1,095
Officers—983

Holmes of Seventh Division was the shining light of this match, netting 315, and registering the only scores of over 100. He made 114 in his first game and 132 in his second.

and. Secondary honours were shared between Barnard of the Officers and Beller of Seventh Division, both netting 263.

I was agreeably impressed with the Officers' attempt, as I understand they have not taken part in Duck Pin matches before, and an average of 82 pins per player is not bad going. I expect them to do better in future matches as they became accustomed to local conditions.

The second match played on Tuesday was between Fourth Division and First Division, and resulted in a win for Fourth Division by 103 pins.

Fourth Division—1,153
First Division—1,050

Vasko of Fourth Division was the outstanding player of the match, making up for his poor effort against Fifth Division.

On this occasion he aggregated 336, the highest individual score thus far in the competition.

This figure was made up of three scores over 100—106 in his first game, 110 in his second and 120 in his third.

Drewes of the same team also did much better in this match than he did previously and registered 280.

The average per player per game for the Fourth Division

worked out at 96.1 pins and, for First Division, 87.5.

The highest aggregate score for a match up to the end of this match is held by Fifth Division with 1165, followed closely by Fourth Division with 1153.

Wednesday's Match

On Wednesday Fifth Division beat Second Division by 110 pins.

Fifth Division—1,146
Second Division—1,036

Koch of Fifth Division was the leading light of this match with a good 305, while his team-mate Peterson was close behind with 292.

On the whole it was quite a good match, the average for the Fifth Division being 95.5 pins per player per game (this is good bowling) and, for Second Division, 30.3, which was also pretty fair. Fifth Division bagged four good scores of over 100, Peterson registering 110 in his first game; Koch 112 in his first and 107 in his second, and Borg 112 in his second game.



The Wahoos team which surprised Softball fans on Sunday by their narrow victory over Wildcats.

There was only one score of 100 or over made by Second Division, this being Evans' 106 in his third game.

Following this match, Seventh Division met First Division and won by the narrow margin of 45 pins.

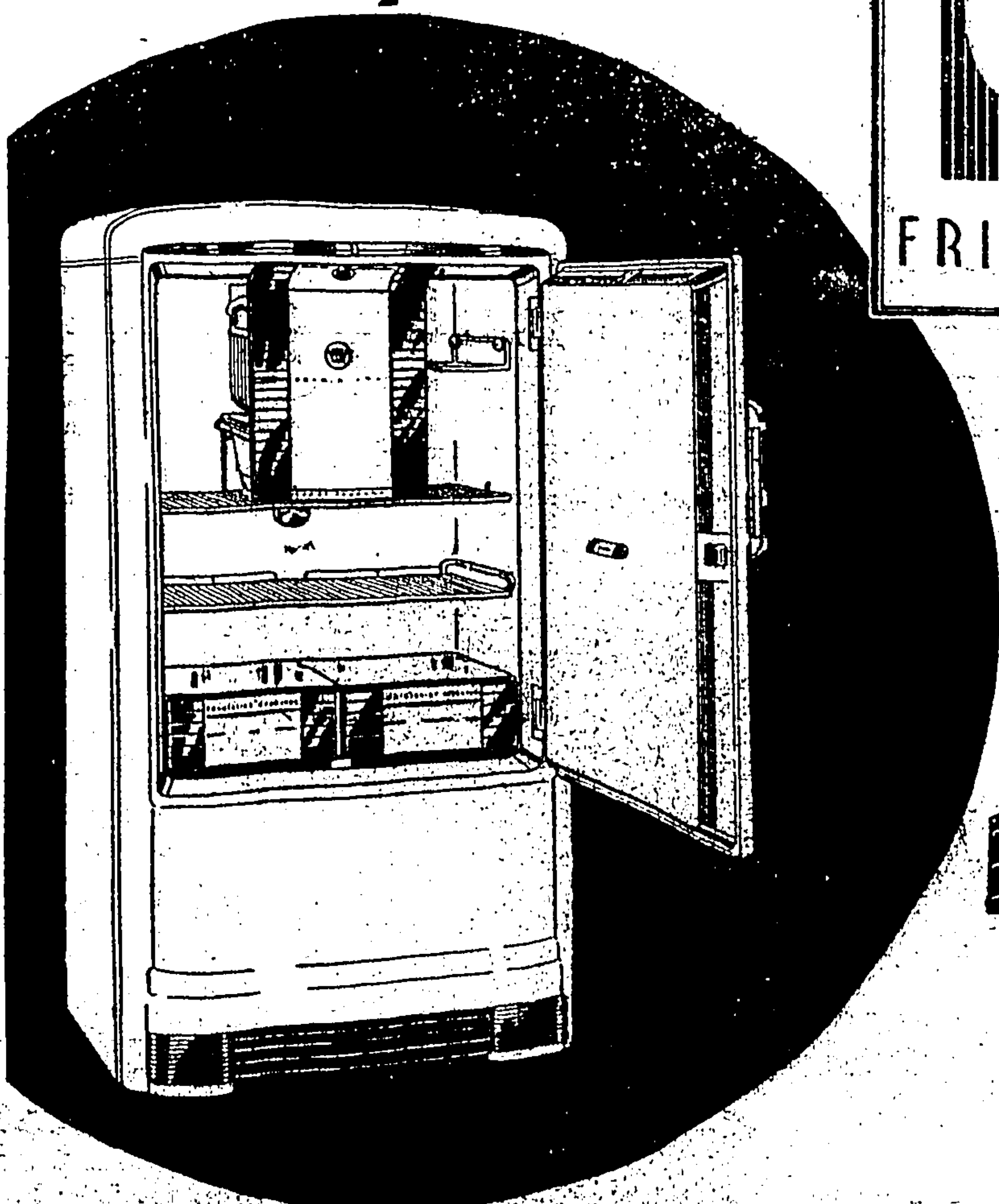
Seventh Division—1,059

First Division—1,014

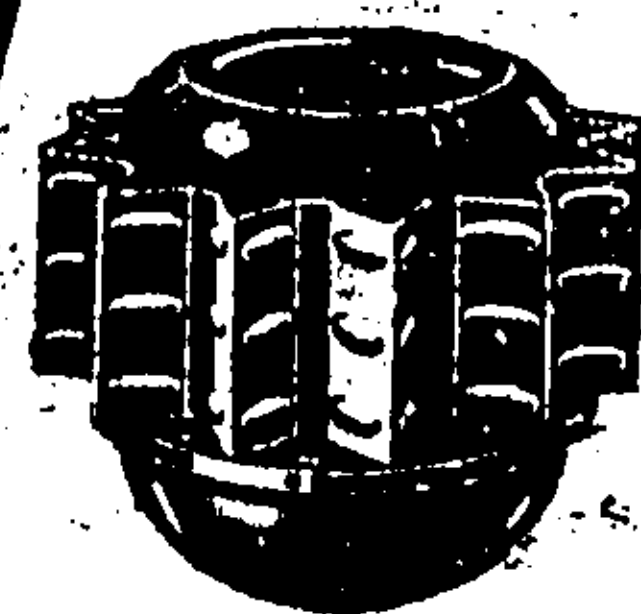
There were no really high scores to comment upon during this match, all players being more or less evenly matched. In fact the feature of this match was the comparatively close scores of all players, the lowest being 245 and the highest 269. There was no score of 100 or over although Holman of Seventh Division almost accomplished this with 99 in his second game.

The average for Seventh Division worked out at 88.25 pins per player per game, and the average for First Division 84.5.

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SECRET ORDERS TO ITALIAN SUBMARINES

To Sink Certain Spanish Ships Without Warning

Admiralty Disclosure

SECRET ORDERS to Italian submarine commanders to sink certain Spanish merchantships without warning, were revealed by the British Admiralty yesterday.

The order in question was recovered after a successful attack on an Italian submarine and was issued by Admiral of Squadron Mario Falangola and has now been photographed.

A translation of the order reads: "Subject: Attacking merchant ships flying the Spanish flag. Secret: I send herewith a copy of marcoscom no. 4087 of the 2nd inst. for your information. (Signed) Sautio Setini, Captain of Corvette."

"Inform units under your command that ships flying the Spanish flag belonging to Ybarra and Pinillos shipping companies, and leaving and coming from Casablanca and sailing towards Lisbon, must be attacked without warning."

Ships' Markings

"Steamers of the Ybarra company have a black funnel with the letters AV interlaced in white. The house flag is black and bears the same monogram in white."

"The Pinillos company has not any particular markings. It appears to own the ships Sil, Airo, Celta, of 2,500 tons, 800 and 1,200 tons respectively."

(Signed) Mario Falangola, Vice-Admiral Commanding Submarines."

According to Lloyd's Shipping Register the Ybarra shipping company of Seville owns 21 ships,

and the shipping company Miguel Martine de Pinillos of Cadiz. Spain owns nine ships. — Reuter.

18 ITALIAN 'PLANES DESTROYED

THE ITALIAN AERODROME of Benina, near Benghazi — important Italian base on the Libyan coast — was the subject of one of the heaviest raids of the war in the Western Desert on Tuesday night.

Many tons of bombs were dropped and great damage caused to aircraft and buildings, stated a British Air Force communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

The British 'planes arrived in waves and fires started by the first flight increased in each subsequent attack.

Numerous explosions occurred and at least 18 Italian 'planes were destroyed.

DANISH SHIPS FOR BRITAIN?

THE WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT OF THE "NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE" SAYS THAT IT IS REPORTED THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL BUY 30 OR MORE DANISH SHIPS AT PRESENT TIED UP IN AMERICAN PORTS AND WILL LEASE THEM TO BRITAIN.

It is also reported that the U. S. Maritime Commission has sold to Britain 16 cargo-ships of nearly 150,000 tons. — Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Some 300 members of the "Indo-China Salvation Army" (an alleged Japanese-supported revolutionary organisation) were interned and disarmed when they crossed the Indo-China border into Chinese territory, according to the Kunming correspondent of the "Ta Kung Pao."

The correspondent states that the group was compelled to cross by pursuing French regulars who were sent out to mop them up.

In retaliation for French attacks the Thai air force has bombed Vientiana, Savannakhet, Sisophon and Slemreap, in Indo-China, according to a communique issued in Bangkok yesterday.

Bangkok radio announced that three important towns in the province of Cambodia were heavily bombed. — Reuter

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SUDDEN DEATH OF DR. KALLIO

Kyoesti Kallio, Finland's 66-year-old President, died in dramatic circumstances yesterday within a few hours of the election of a new President to take over the duties which ill-health had prompted him to renounce.

As outgoing President, M. Kallio drove through the crowded streets of Helsinki last night, past lines of torch-bearers, on his way to retirement on a farm in the country.

At the station he was received by a guard of honour. As he was passing along the ranks he suddenly collapsed with a heart attack and died soon afterwards.

M. Kallio is replaced as President by the Prime Minister, M. Ryti.

According to the first count of the voting in the electoral college for the new President, M. Ryti received 288 out of 300 votes. — Reuter

Road Bombed

The Bardia-Tobruk road was also bombed but little movement was observed.

British fighter 'planes continue to patrol and cooperate with British ground forces.

A Rhodesian squadron raided enemy aircraft and troops in the Metemma area, while other aircraft attacked Jebel Isrobati, 30 miles north-east of Kassala.

Except for one British 'plane, which failed to return from the bombing of Valona, in Albania, all British 'planes in all other operations returned safely to base. — Reuter.

Established since September 21, 1938, the Nanking Commercial Bank, No. 65, Cornaught Road Central, closed its doors yesterday at noon.

The Police Emergency Unit had to be called out to control the crowds which became unruly when demands to see the bank officials were not satisfied.

The "China Mail" was authoritatively informed this morning that the bank was compelled to close its doors owing to a distraint order taken out against them by creditors.

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TWO ITALIAN DIVISIONS BESIEGED AT BARDIA

PIRELLI WORKS WRECKED

When British heavy bombers raided Milan on Wednesday night a great rectangular fire a quarter of a mile long was left flaring in the Pirelli works, which hold large stocks of rubber and are well-known for the manufacture of motor tyres.

The works are particularly vulnerable to air attacks, says the Air Ministry news service, since they lie between two conspicuous railway systems and can be recognised with comparative ease.

Though the raiding force was not large the attack was remarkably effective.

TOXIC POISONING CAUSED DEATH OF AMBASSADOR

Lord Lothian's death was due to toxic poisoning, which affected his heart, according to accounts received in London from the British Embassy in Washington.

This statement was made by Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons yesterday.—Reuter.

One pilot said: "Scores of fires started by our incendiaries merged into a huge oblong blaze with explosions continually bursting up through the flames."—Reuter.

Iron Grip Of Wavell Army Tightening

THE GREATER PART OF TWO ITALIAN DIVISIONS, IT WAS ESTIMATED IN CAIRO LAST NIGHT, ARE IN THE IRON GRIP OF THE BRITISH SIEGE OF BARDIA.

The strength of the Imperial forces around the Italian base is increasing hourly as lorry-loads of supporting infantry are rushed up.

Although no confirmation can be obtained it is believed the British advanced mobile forces have cut the coastal road winding along the cliffs from Bardia to Tobruk.

AGAIN A BOMBLESS DAY

Little enemy air activity occurred over Britain during daylight yesterday and no bombs were dropped in any area.

A pilot in the Fighter Command squadron which helped save the destroyer Javelin from bombing attacks when she was recently disabled by enemy action, shot down a Dornier 17 bomber off the West Country.

The London area had its first alert last night since Monday but it was of comparatively short duration.

A few high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped in one London area.—Reuter.

JAPANESE HINT TO GERMANY?

An Ambassador who recently stated in an interview that the friendship between Germany and the Soviet could not last, has been re-appointed Japanese Ambassador to Berlin.

He is Lt.-Gen. Oshima, who was Ambassador to Berlin until November, 1939.

The Japanese Government has decided to recall Ambassador Kuruma and re-appoint Gen. Oshima, and the German Government has agreed.

It was in an interview with a Japanese newspaper last July that Lt.-Gen. Oshima declared: "Hitler has confirmed the opinion that Russia must be defeated in war, not because Russia is a Communist country but because Hitler believes the Slav race is impeding the development of the German people."—Reuter.

Britain is no less conscious of her need for a constant increasing effort.—Reuter.

MILITARY CONTROL OF EIRE PORTS

The ports of Galway and Sligo, on the west coast of Eire, have been placed under total military control by an order made yesterday by the Minister of Defence in Dublin.

The step appears to be a continuation of the Eirean policy of preparedness against an invader.

Special defence measures have been in operation since the capitulation of France, and since July the ports of Dublin, Cork, Kingstown, Bantry Bay and Lough Swilly have been under military direction.—Reuter.

ITALIANS GAOLED FOR LISTENING-IN

A Rome message reaching Switzerland says that several Italians in Padua have been sent to prison and fined 500 lira each for listening to BBC broadcasts in Italian.—Reuter.

LULL BEFORE THE STORM?

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

THERE HAS BEEN A SEEMING LULL IN GERMANY'S WAR EFFORT FOR SOME DAYS PAST AND WHETHER THIS IS THE LULL BEFORE THE STORM, OR AFTER, REMAINS TO BE SEEN.

It must not be overlooked that for fifteen and a half months the Germans have been exerting their strength to the utmost.

They have overrun six countries and are in virtual occupation of two others, Rumania and Slovakia.

In the air they have maintained an almost constant succession of raids by day and night, but this has been slackening both in intensity and duration, possibly owing to the weather.

Only at sea is there an increase in anything, in German pressure, but German naval activity is confined to a few operations with occasional surface raiders and E-boat formations.

In the diplomatic field the roundabouts of Ribbentrop and Hitler's statements have quietly faded out.

Laval's Warning

German propaganda has ceased talking about momentous surprises in store.

There is an embarrassed silence regarding the background of Laval's disgrace.

With regard to Italy there have been more sympathetic references in the German press to the remarkable powers of recuperation of the Italian armies but beyond emphasising the unity of the Axis, the papers do not allude to material aid.

Laval's Warning

But as Mr. Churchill stated in his speech yesterday, Hitler waited a long time in complete quiescence before he struck the terrible blows which shattered France.

As the Prime Minister indicated, however, even if Hitler is not letting the grass grow under his feet in the present temporary lull

Top news from the field of science this year was the brand new electric refrigerator for home use. Resulting from more than three years of rigid laboratory tests and experiments, the new refrigerator is triple-acting for new-perfect preservation of all types of food.

A product of the extensive laboratories maintained in Philadelphia, Pa., by the Philco Radio and Television Corp., the new device, while no larger than the ordinary present day refrigerator, embodies three types of cold and two distinct preservation processes. Three separate compartments in the unit provide three types of cold, dry all-around preservation, such as butter, milk, and berries. A second compartment is designed for cooked meats and vegetables, retaining their original flavour and their vitamins. The third compartment is reversible for quick freezing of meats and fruits.

Besides the electric freezing unit which operates on Freon, the most economical and practical of all known refrigerants, the new refrigerator also has an aluminum Moist Cold shelf. This addition is a brand new invention and evolves from a process perfected by Philco technicians. When

dishes of food come in contact with the shelf, heat is quickly drawn out and the food is chilled almost immediately. Strangely, too, the more dishes placed on the shelf, the faster it works.

The new refrigerator operates by the controlled circulation of dehumidified air which eliminates completely, usual refrigeration odours and assists in further preservation of foods with no mixing of odours. Another advance is the new steam door which keeps two doors open. On the first door, the shelves hold containers frequently used and the second door is a second door which prevents escape of cold air every time the refrigerator is opened.

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ITALIAN FRONTIER RUMOURS

Reports that German troops have reached Italy have been received on the Italian frontier where, according to a diplomatic source, they number between five and six divisions.

No confirmation of this report is available from any other source, and an American correspondent who has just arrived from Rome says there was no evidence of any important German forces in Italy when he left.

The correspondent adds it seems certain the Italian people would greatly resent the presence of large numbers of foreign troops on Italian territory.

Authoritative quarters in London said yesterday that confirmation is lacking of the reports, which also said German troops were in Libya.

Reuter learns that such reports are regarded with considerable reserve.—Reuter.

FIRM ATTITUDE ON DEVELOPMENTS IN TANGIER

FIRM WORDS about the situation in Tangier were used by the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, replying to the Commons debate yesterday on the position in the International Zone.

Mr. F. Cocks (Labour), who initiated the debate, said the situation was a very grave one and demanded even drastic steps by Britain to preserve the neutrality and unfortified character of Tangier.

After reviewing developments leading up to the dissolution of the International Administration, Mr. Butler said that as a result of a further coup on December 13 "the most definite language is being used by the local Consul-General in Tangier and the British Ambassador, both to the authorities in Tangier and to the Spanish Government in Madrid."

"We are particularly anxious to know what is the practical effect of the general assurances about British subjects, which were given

at the beginning of December, and we are concerning ourselves about the future of British personnel in the Administration."

Negotiations Proceeding

"Not only have British officials received this treatment at the hands of the Spanish authorities but also foreign officials of other nations concerned, who are for the most part French or Italian."

"Similar treatment has been meted out to all."

"There are some 1,700 British residents in Tangier and it is about these that we have received some assurances, and about the officials we are making strong and definite representations in the negotiations which are now proceeding."

"Signatories of the Tangier Statute are France, Spain, the United Kingdom and Italy. The Netherlands, Belgium, Portugal and Sweden are adherents."

"I cannot speak for Italy and France but I understand the Netherlands and Belgium have protested with us against the Spanish action. Meanwhile we have informed the Portuguese and Swedish Governments of the action we are taking."

Spain's Independence

"The United States are fully aware of the position and there is contact between us."

Mr. Butler disclosed that the British Consul-General in Tangier had been invited to proceed at once to Madrid to assist Sir Samuel Hoare, our Ambassador, in his discussions with the Spanish Government.

This illustrated the importance attached to the discussions at present in progress.

Continuing, Mr. Butler said it had always been the policy of the British Government to encourage Spain to adopt an independent policy, and despite propaganda put about by Britain's enemies and any steps which they might take to give a false impression, the British Government's attitude remained "Spain can be independent if her people are properly guided."—Reuter.

ADMIRAL LEAHY SAILING FOR VICHY

Admiral Leahy, new American Ambassador to the Vichy Government, will sail on board an American cruiser from Norfolk, Virginia, en route to Vichy via Lisbon accompanied by his wife, announced the Admiral after a farewell visit to President Roosevelt in Washington yesterday.—Reuter.

CHINESE BANK SHUT DOWN

Established since September 21, 1938, the Nanking Commercial Bank, No. 65, Cornaught Road Central, closed its doors yesterday at noon.

The Police Emergency Unit had to be called out to control the crowds which became unruly when demands to see the bank officials were not satisfied.

The "China Mail" was authoritatively informed this morning that the bank was compelled to close its doors owing to a distraint order taken out against them by creditors.

GREEKS BATTLE ON IN SEVERE WEATHER

DESPITE SEVERE WEATHER, the Greeks are still attacking the Italians in Albania, taking more prisoners and war materials.

In the south, Greek artillery is pounding away at the coastal town of Cimarre and also hammering away at Tepelini and Klissoura.

There are many reports of blizzards.

One message says that Greek troops found the bodies of Italian officers and men who died of hunger and exposure when they laid down in the snow during their retreat.

Valona was raided by the R.A.F. on Wednesday, the attack being directed against the seaplane base, docks and warehouses.

All bombs fell on the target and a warehouse was seen on fire.

Italian fighters put up a stiff opposition and during a 20-minute combat, at least one is believed to have been shot down.

One of our machines had to make a forced landing while returning to its base, but all the rest got home safely.—Reuter.

RAID ON ITALIAN OUTPOST

A Nairobi communique says that a Somaliland frontier post has been reduced to ruins by our troops who, after destroying all stores and materials of no value to them, burned the buildings.

Our troops then returned to their base.

We lost two men killed, and 12 were wounded. The Italians lost 50 killed and 120 prisoners.

After the flight of the commander, the Italian troops followed him.

Some of the Africans courageously tried to continue fighting, but without effect.—Reuter.

UNREST IN INDO-CHINA

Some 300 members of the "Indo-China Salvation Army" (an alleged Japanese-supported revolutionary organisation) were interned and disarmed when they crossed the Indo-China border into Chinese territory, according to the Kuning correspondent of the "Ta Kung Pao."

The correspondent states that the group was compelled to cross by pursuing French regulars who were sent out to mop them up.

WHEN CHILDREN OUTGROW THEIR STRENGTH

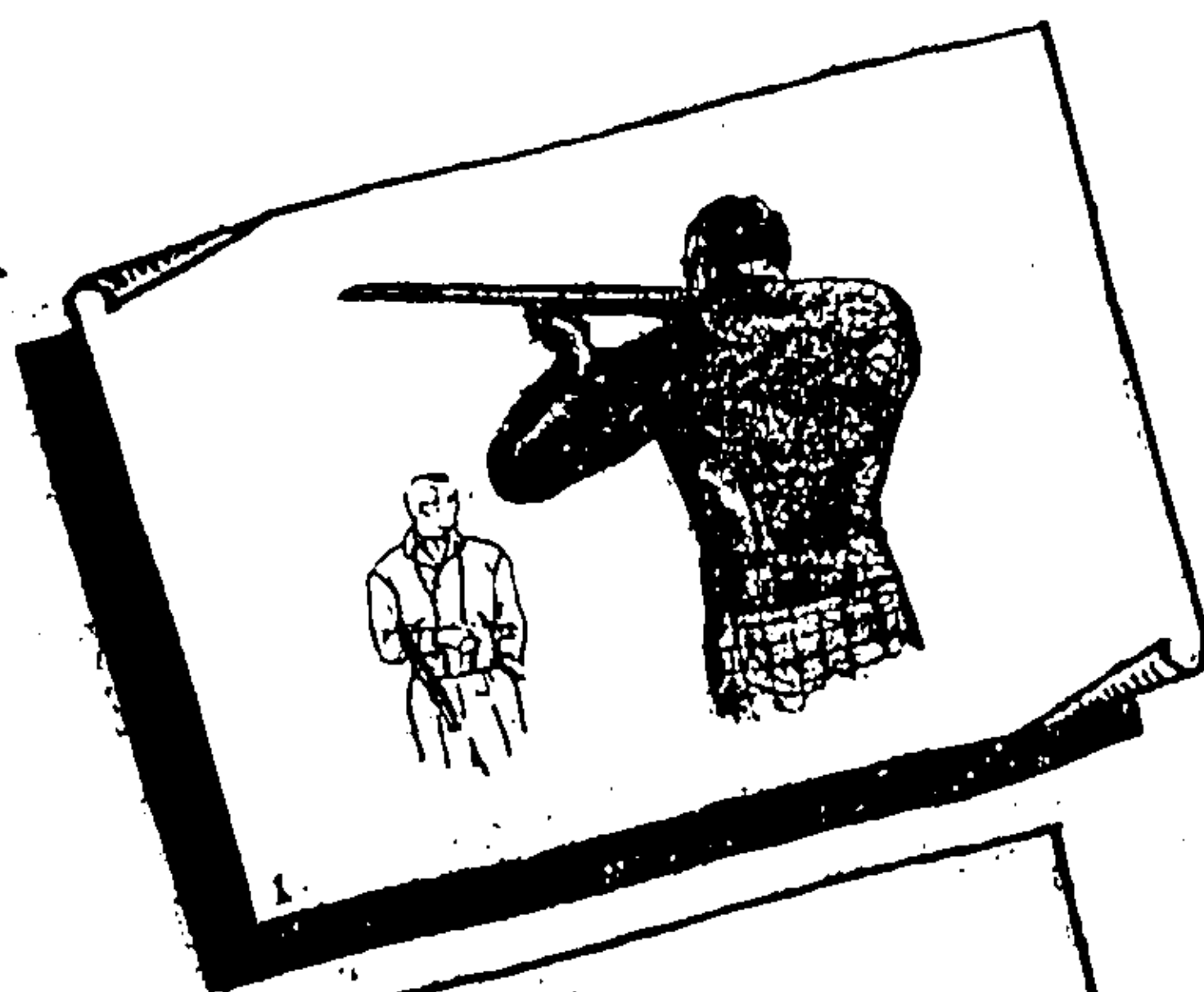
With rapidly growing children, nourishment must keep pace with growth. When it doesn't the child gets thin, pale, weedy, with no energy or inclination for food.

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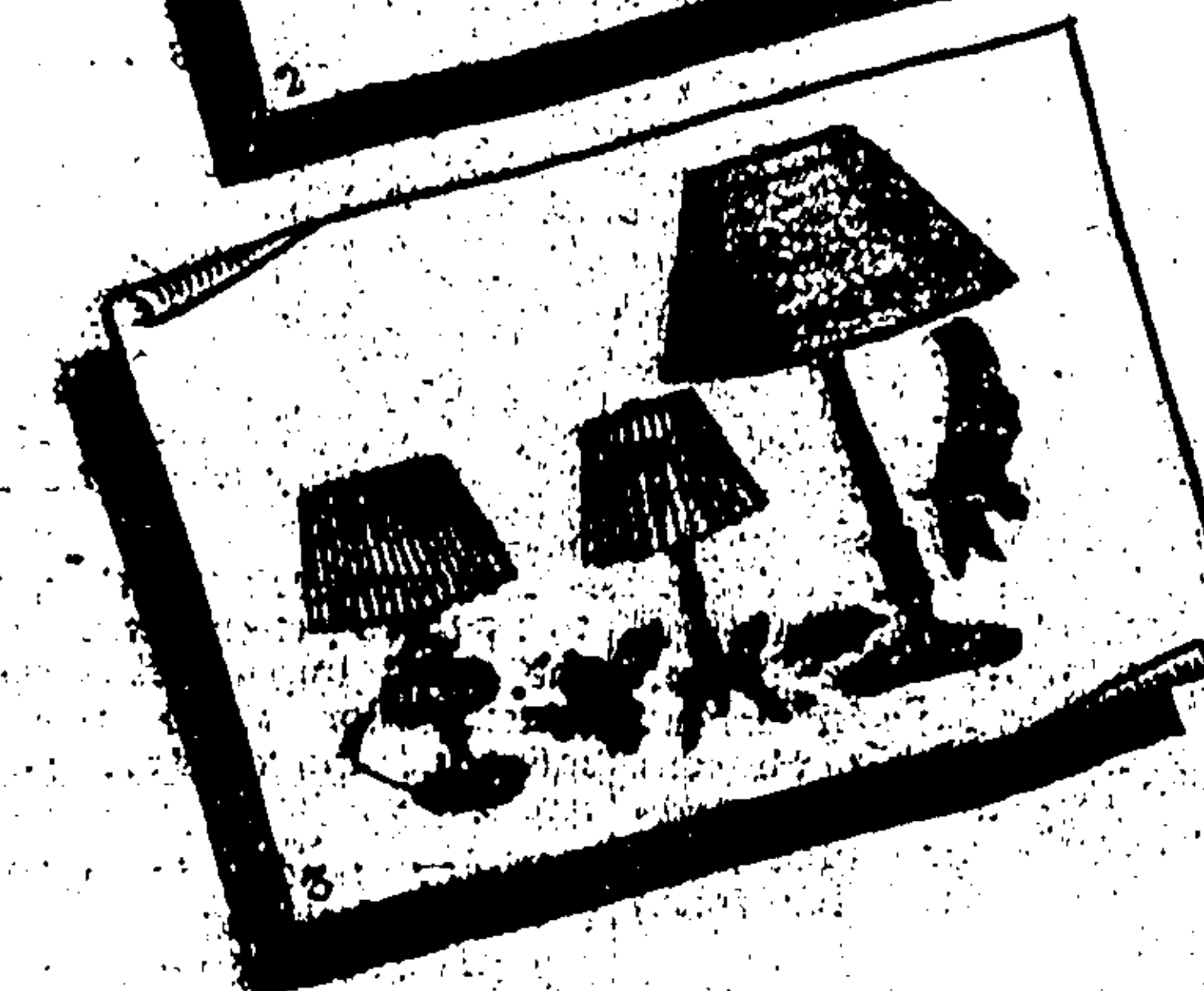
It's fun to give something out of the ordinary, something the others didn't think of—and here are a few suggestions:



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PREMIER'S NOTE OF WARNING

Disastrous To Think Mortal Dangers Are Past

Hitler's Need For Quick Results

"WE STILL HAVE ONLY A HALF ARMED NATION FIGHTING A FULLY ARMED NATION WHICH HAS ALREADY PASSED SATURATION POINT IN ITS ARMAMENTS," SAID MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL IN HIS WAR REVIEW IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY.

Mr. Churchill added: "But during 1941 we shall become a well armed nation too. It takes three to four years to put the industries of a country on a war basis.

"The Germans reached the culminating point when we ourselves were still only in the second year but by the efforts that are being made and the great supplies reaching us from the United States we hope we shall be well armed during 1941.

"Let members now returning to their constituencies use their influence to help the good work, to sustain morale, if that is necessary, and to speed the work of production.

"We are by no means content. We must never be content. (Cheers).

"We must continue to strive to do our utmost to see that our men have weapons worthy of the task they are to perform.

First Fruits

"What I say in respect of munitions applies with equal force to food production in all its forms.

"When I spoke recently of the years 1943-1944 I did not mean I believed the war would continue until then, but in matters like agriculture and shipbuilding you have got to look ahead.

"If you did not work plans on that scale you would not even get the first fruits that come forward in good time.

"Anything that can be done to increase the volume of food production would be the wisest insurance for the later years of this war, assuming it should be prolonged for such a period, which is by no means impossible.

Mortal Dangers

"It would be a disaster if anyone supposed the supreme mortal dangers are passed. They are not.

"There are dangers of a prolonged deadlock but there may be also more immediate dangers.

"The winter season offers some advantages to the invader to counter-balance those which belong to the summer season.

"It would be a lack of prudence amounting to crime, if vigilance were relaxed. (Cheers). We must watch from hour to hour the menace which still exists in full force so short a distance away.

Defence Of Shores

"I may say that the defence of our shores is complete. From the north of Scotland, round Ireland, enormous masses of guns, machine-guns, fortified posts and every defence device are erected and are guarded by large numbers of ardent and well-trained men, but we are not making the mistake which was made by the French General Staff when they thought the Maginot Line was all that was necessary.

"We have now got a very large army capable of moving to any place with great rapidity and going into action in a stronger counter-offensive, and therefore one can have good confidence in our power to beat the enemy, supposing he should succeed in setting foot in any strength on these shores.

"Nevertheless we must remember that Hitler—I should certainly deprecate any comparison between Hitler and Napoleon because I don't want to insult the dead—wields gigantic power and he has a great need of doing something in the near future."

WHAT THE ARMY IS DOING

Our men have out-fought the enemy because of their valour, their belief in the cause for which they are fighting and because they are infinitely better trained, said Mr. Anthony Eden, Secretary for War, yesterday.

"Both in equipment and training there are no troops anywhere in the world to compare with those of the British Commonwealth," he continued.

Every munition order delivered shortens the duration of the war. Production is the key to victory.

He hoped to hear no more of the question which has been put once or twice of late: "What is the army doing?"

The answer is:—

"The Army is learning its job and the African successes show the reward of long periods of training."

The better our troops know their job, the less men we will lose winning the fight.—Reuter.

BRITAIN PLACING HUGE ORDERS

It was understood in Washington yesterday that the British Government is seeking contracts for 12,000 additional aeroplanes, between 2,000 and 5,000 more tanks and additional guns and ammunition.

This follows statements by Mr. Henry Morgenthau (Secretary of Treasury) and Mr. Stephen Early (President Roosevelt's secretary) on the subject of quicker aid to Britain, and means a speeding up of the American defence programme as a whole.

It is believed the planes may cost \$1,125,000,000, while the orders for guns and ammunition may total \$1,700,000,000.

Well-informed sources in Washington yesterday declared that contracts for merchant vessels may be signed by the end of the week.

Further negotiations, by which the considerable tonnage of Danish ships now in American ports could be taken over and transferred to Britain, are proceeding satisfactorily.—Reuter.

DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES FOR BRITISH ALLIES

A BILL TO CONFER diplomatic privileges on the Allied and associated Governments in Britain received its second reading in the House of Lords yesterday.

Object of the Bill, according to the Lord Chancellor, Viscount Simon, proposes to confer a position corresponding to that of members of the Diplomatic Corps upon members and senior officials of Allied Governments stationed in Britain, namely, Poland, Norway, the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg and the Provisional Czechoslovak Government, as well as upon leaders and senior officials such as the Free French movement established in Britain.

A second clause of the Bill is intended to meet the case of foreign diplomatic envoys and their staffs accredited to Allied Governments which at present are in Britain because the Allied Governments are here.

Emblem Of Regard

Suggesting that the Bill might be regarded in a more or less prosaic manner, Viscount Simon said: "I wish to present it as an emblem of the regard and sympathy with which His Majesty's Government feel for the Allied Governments that did not lose heart when their countries were successfully struck down by the treacherous and brutal aggression of the enemy."

Both the Liberal and Labour parties supported the Bill and paid tributes to the assistance rendered by the Allied Governments and the Free French movement in Britain.—Reuter.

SEIZURE OF NAZI BUND RECORDS IN U.S.

The seizure of the records of the German-American Bund in Chicago and the Teutonia Publishing Company were ordered by the judge of the municipal court yesterday.

Both concerns are being used for non-payment of personal property taxes.—Reuter.

AIR RAID WARDEN HON. A.D.C.

The Hong Kong Corps of Air Raid Wardens has been honoured by the appointment by His Excellency the acting Governor of an Honorary Aide-de-camp from its ranks.

The additional Honorary aide-de-camp is Mr. Wong Sik-kuen, Deputy Divisional Air Raid Warden of the Tsimshatsui District, and comrade of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company.

GREEKS FULL OF CONFIDENCE

"Victory will be ours and it will be the most glorious victory of our history," declares General Papagos, Commander-in-Chief of the Greek Army, in an Order of the Day, according to Athens radio last night.

Addressing his officers and men he says: "All Greece is proud of you and grateful to you, and the whole world watches you with admiration.

"You have not ceased to repulse the aggressor, to dislodge him successively from all his fortified positions and afterwards pursue him continuously without respite.

"The blows you have dealt have placed the enemy in a very difficult position. A great part of his forces are dispersed and demoralised.

"The enemy is giving way before you and in Africa before the British."

General Papagos expressed the certainty that the enemy would be hurled back into the sea.—Reuter.

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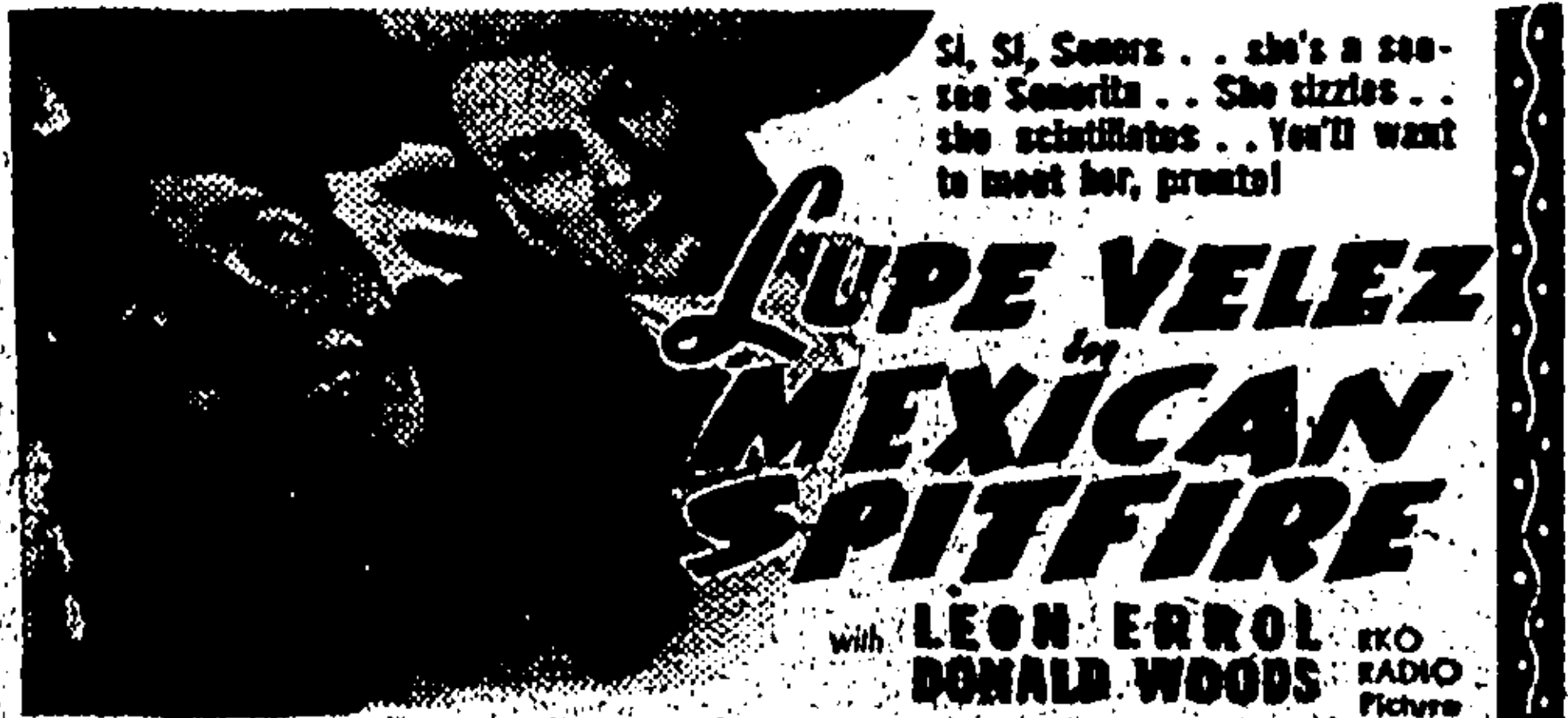
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SUN. **"ANDY HARDY GETS SPRING FEVER"**
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APPLAUSE IN BRITAIN FOR ROOSEVELT PLAN

NOT ONLY WILL President Roosevelt's plan for aid to Britain be welcomed by us as a great and noble gesture, said the London "Times" yesterday, but as offering a method all the more brilliant because of its simplicity of getting over an embarrassing difficulty.

No one this side of the Atlantic, adds the newspaper, imagined the United States would let us lose the war by withholding over any question of dollars such arms as she is able to supply.

WEST END SHOPS CARRY ON

Women were doing serious shopping in Oxford Street and Bond Street recently. It was not just a case of sight-seeing near the shops which suffered in the air raid and which have since been closed because of unexploded bombs.

Many of the customers had travelled from the suburbs; others had come up to London from the home counties, confident that the departments they wanted would be ready to serve them.

In Bond Street, where there is a good deal of air raid havoc, tremendous efforts have been made to carry on. A large military and naval tailoring establishment which was burned out has taken its orders and its workpeople to a branch shop, where it will keep going.

A Brisk Week-End

A fashionable florist was serving its customers in the street itself and the managers said that in spite of two bombings, which carried away the plate glass as well as the window frame and wrecked the back of the shop, the staff were doing their work much as usual. They went on making up bouquets, were sent out to decorate churches for weddings and were fulfilling orders for flowers cabled from Canada and the United States as bouquets for friends in London.

John Lewis and Co. set up an out-of-door information bureau for the benefit of would-be customers and those who were anxious to inquire about orders given before the bombing.

Practically the whole staff of Borne and Hollingsworth cooperated during the week-end to get the store ready for business. There was so much broken glass, however, that it will be a day or two before the departments can open. The factory, busy with Government orders, has never closed; and the firm's workrooms are carrying on as usual.

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The difficulty was technical but nonetheless serious, since the critical testing-time cannot be many months ahead when we will need every ship, plane and tank we can acquire.

The journal predicts some opposition in America to the plan but "on the other hand there will be many who will hail it as a first opportunity in a world bedevilled by finance and who will be enormously relieved by the prospect that at the end of the war the world will be spared the nightmare of unpayable war debts and reparations which, after 1918, helped to produce such conditions as made social unrest, Hitlerism and war almost inevitable." — *Reuter.*

DEPENDS ON WHO GETS HURT?

THE AXIS PARTNERS APPARENTLY DO NOT AGREE ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE OPERATIONS IN THE WESTERN DESERT.

Thus, Rome Radio calls it: — "The most gigantic battle ever seen in colonial history."

On the other hand, the Nazi newspaper "Voelkische Beobachter" calls it: —

"A local success for the British!" — *Reuter.*

OFFICER'S HOAX ON REGIMENT

Pretended To Be
The G.O.C.

Telephoned instructions which purported to be given by the General Officer Commanding and led to soldiers having to stand to during the night, were described at a general court-martial at Farnborough, when Lt. Carlton Morris Shufflebotham, 27, of the Royal Tank Regt., pleaded guilty to two charges of conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline when on active service.

The particulars of the charge alleged that he twice rang up the orderly officer of his regiment from the officers' mess and pretended to be the G.O.C., Aldershot Command.

The first occasion was at 1.30 a.m. on Aug. 28, and it was then that Shufflebotham gave an order that the regiment was to stand to until 2 a.m.

Evidence was given that 85 men dressed and turned out in consequence of the telephone messages.

Shufflebotham admitted impersonating the G.O.C. and told the court it would not have happened but for the fact that it was guest night at the mess and he stayed there late and had a few more drinks than usual.

The finding of the court will be made known later.

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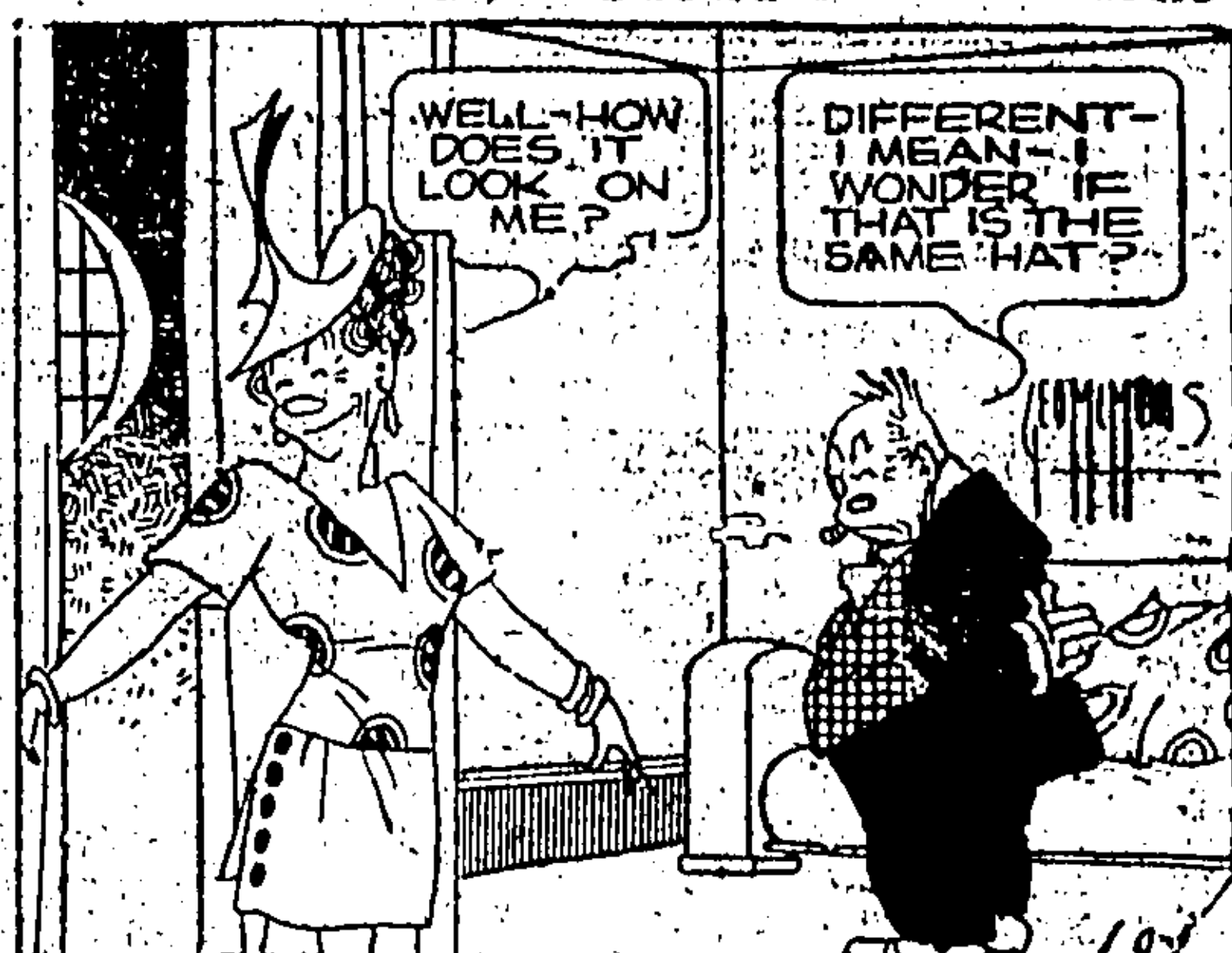


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WIFE KILLED BY BOMBS

A woman, whose husband was alleged to have attempted to murder her in an Anderson shelter, was later killed by bombs when the hospital to which she had been taken received a direct hit.

A solicitor, Mr. E. Weale, made this statement at Dartford when the husband, Cyril William Percy Clark, 30, labourer, of Dartford, was sent for trial at Kent Assizes on a charge of attempting to murder his wife.

Mr. Weale said that Mrs. Clark was found lying unconscious in the shelter, lying near Mrs. Clark, were her two children fast asleep. Evidence was given that Clark telephoned for the ambulance and accompanied his wife to hospital. The doctor who operated said that she had every chance of recovering. He was satisfied that death was due to the bombing.

Sleeping Children

The ambulance driver said that in the shelter, lying near Mrs. Clark, were her two children fast asleep.

Evidence was given that Clark telephoned for the ambulance and accompanied his wife to hospital. The doctor who operated said that she had every chance of recovering. He was satisfied that death was due to the bombing.

Det.-Sgt. White, of Dartford, said that when arrested Clark described how he and his wife sat with the children in the shelter throughout the night of Sept. 1 and 2, and went on: "Before it got light we had a quarrel because I asked her to let me go into lodgings and have a separation. I lost my temper. I struck her on the head with my first. She fell back as though she was unconscious."

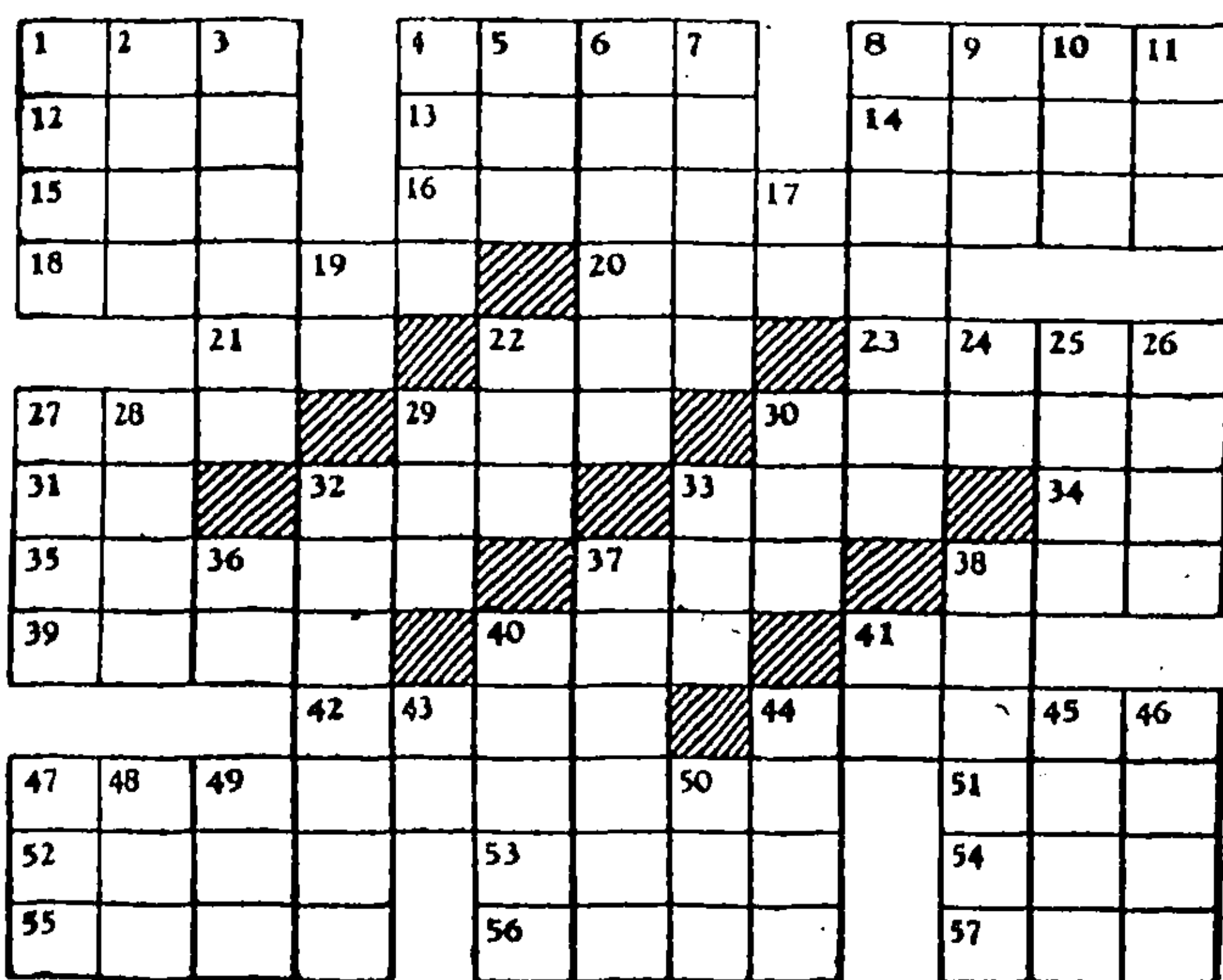
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- 20 Husk
- 21 Negative
- 22 Ditch
- 23 To leave out
- 27 Period of time
- 29 Footlike part
- 30 Blue
- 31 Periodic windstorm
- 32 Billiard stick
- 33 Age
- 34 Indian mulberry
- 35 Constellation
- 37 To batter
- 38 Literary scraps
- 39 Space
- 40 Vast age
- 41 Spanish article
- 42 Four gills
- 44 To speak of boastfully

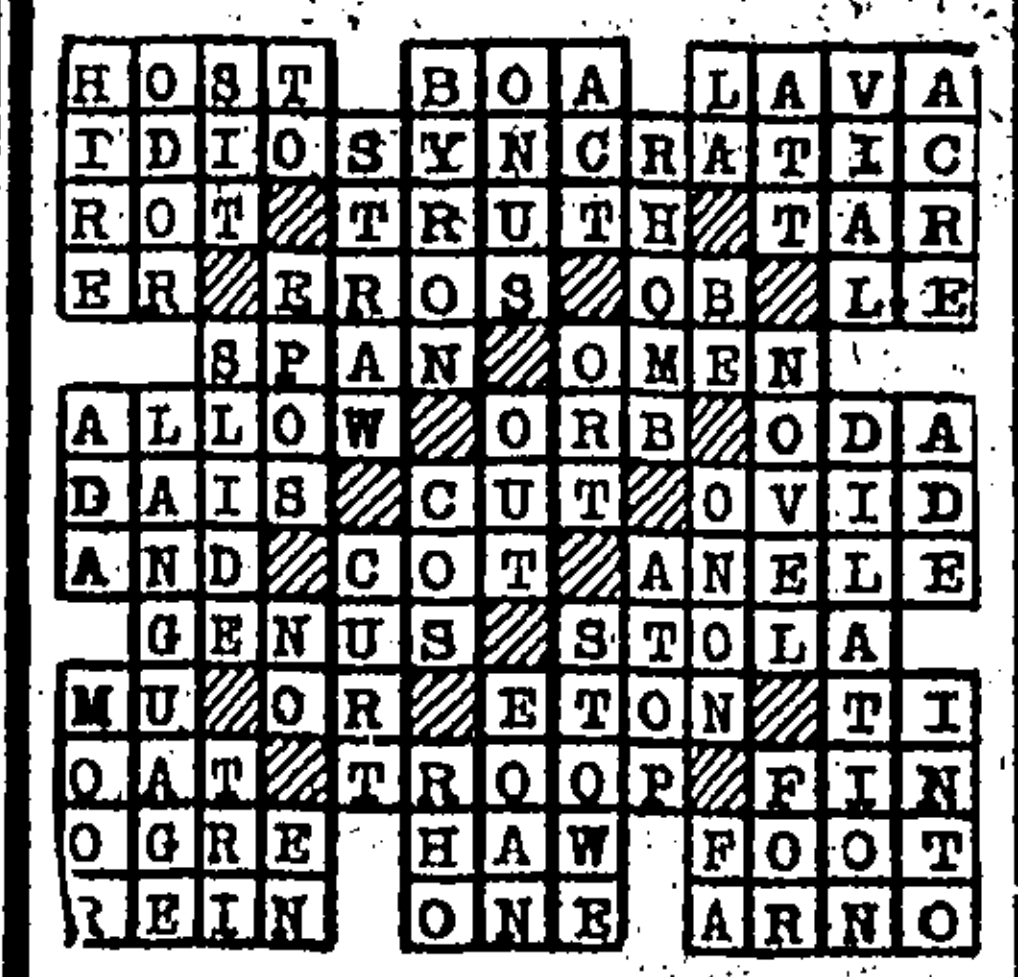
VERTICAL

- 1 Thin
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- 4 Tiresome
- 5 Part of "to be"
- 6 Tufted form of cloud
- 7 Implied
- 8 Spanish explorer

9 Yellow bugle

- 10 And not
- 11 Chief of the janizaries
- 17 Half an em
- 19 Therefore
- 22 Female ruff
- 24 Greek letter
- 25 Persia
- 26 Web-like membrane
- 27 Passageway
- 28 Colloquial: air vehicle
- 29 Play on words
- 30 Support
- 32 To parallel
- 33 To bring forth
- 36 Butterfly
- 37 Turning around its axis
- 38 Pear-shaped glass vessel
- 40 To penetrate
- 41 Babylonian deity
- 43 Exists
- 44 Male apparel
- 45 African river
- 46 Brain tissue
- 47 To obstruct
- 48 First woman
- 49 Large container
- 50 Also

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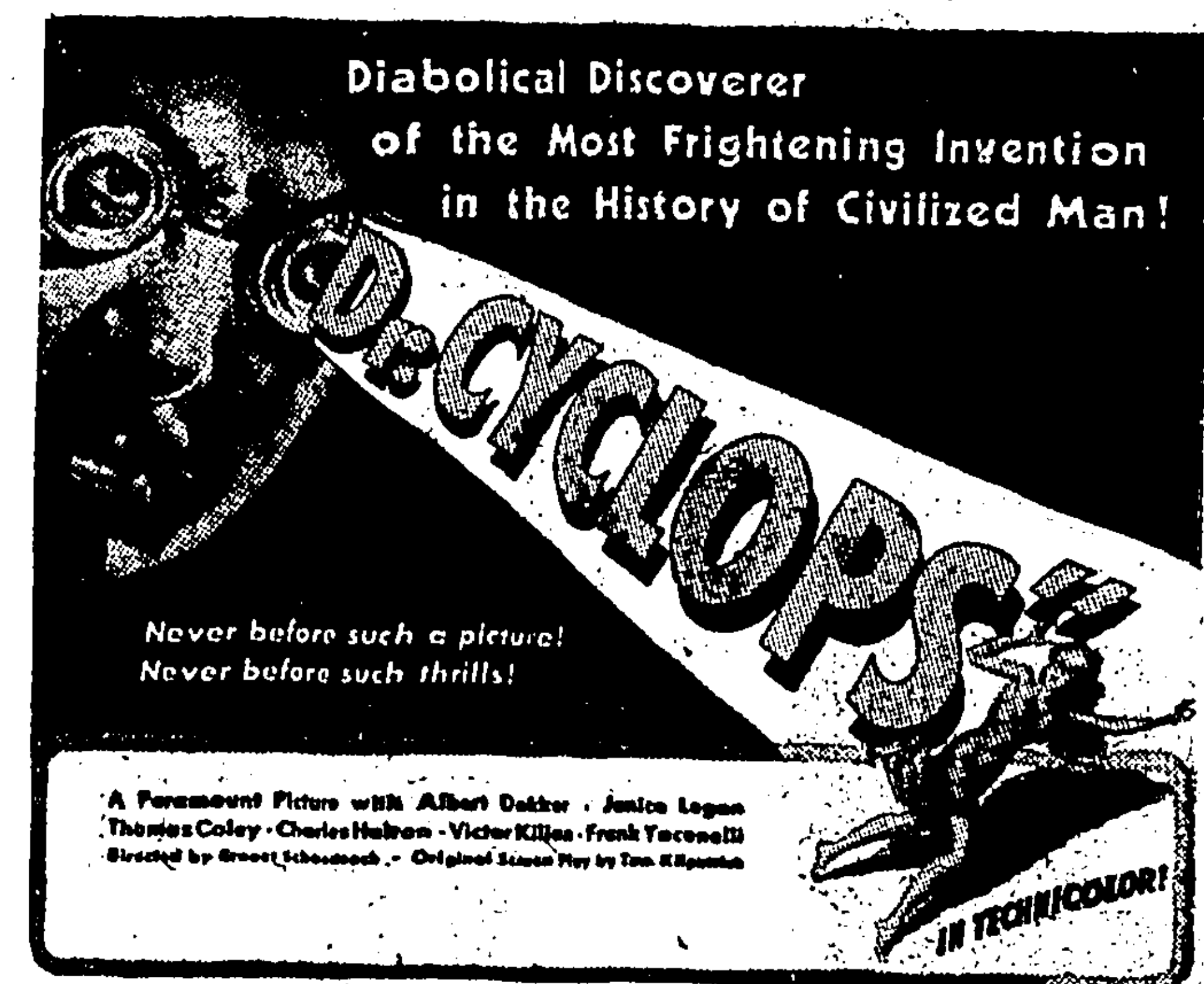
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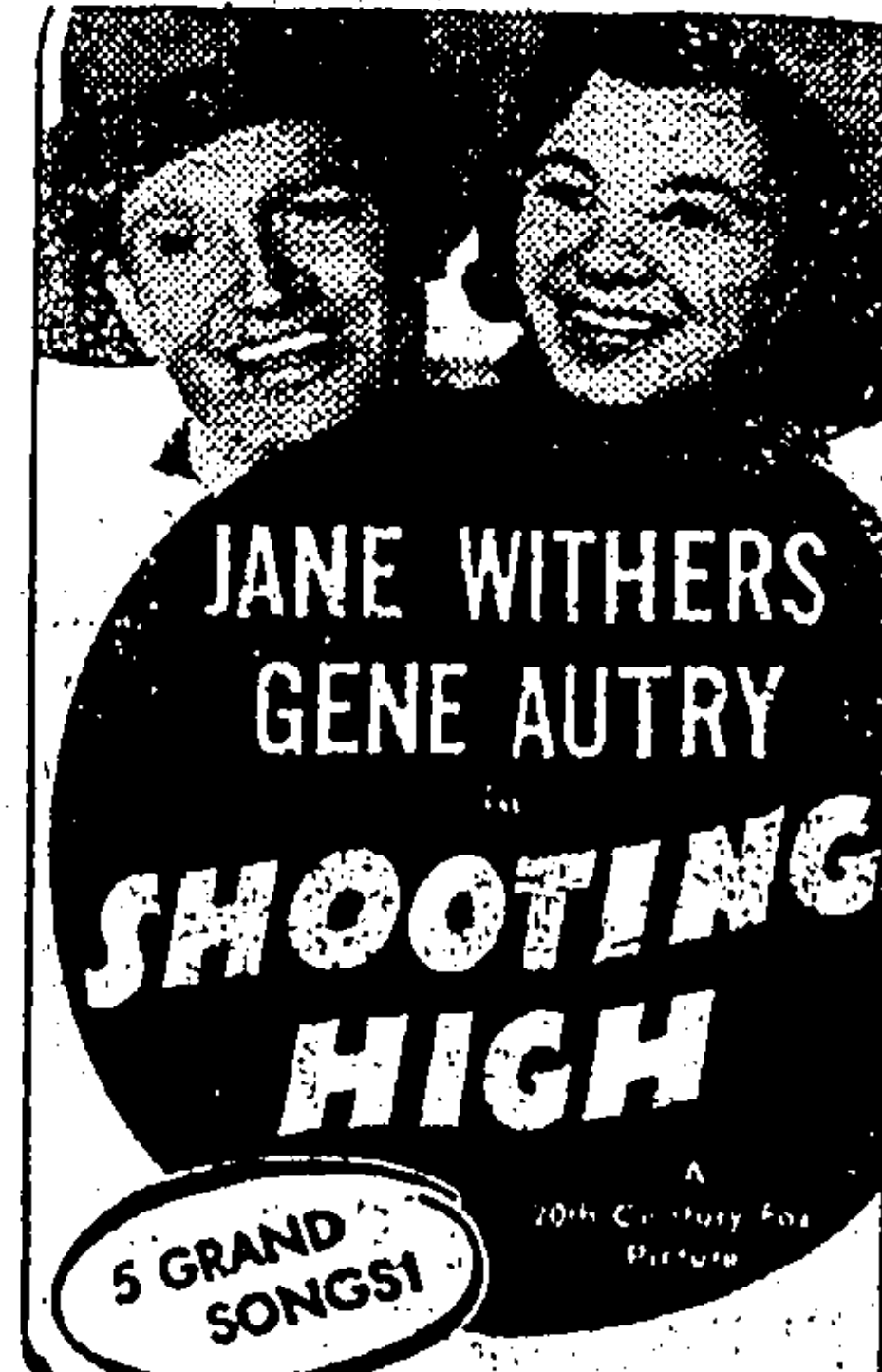
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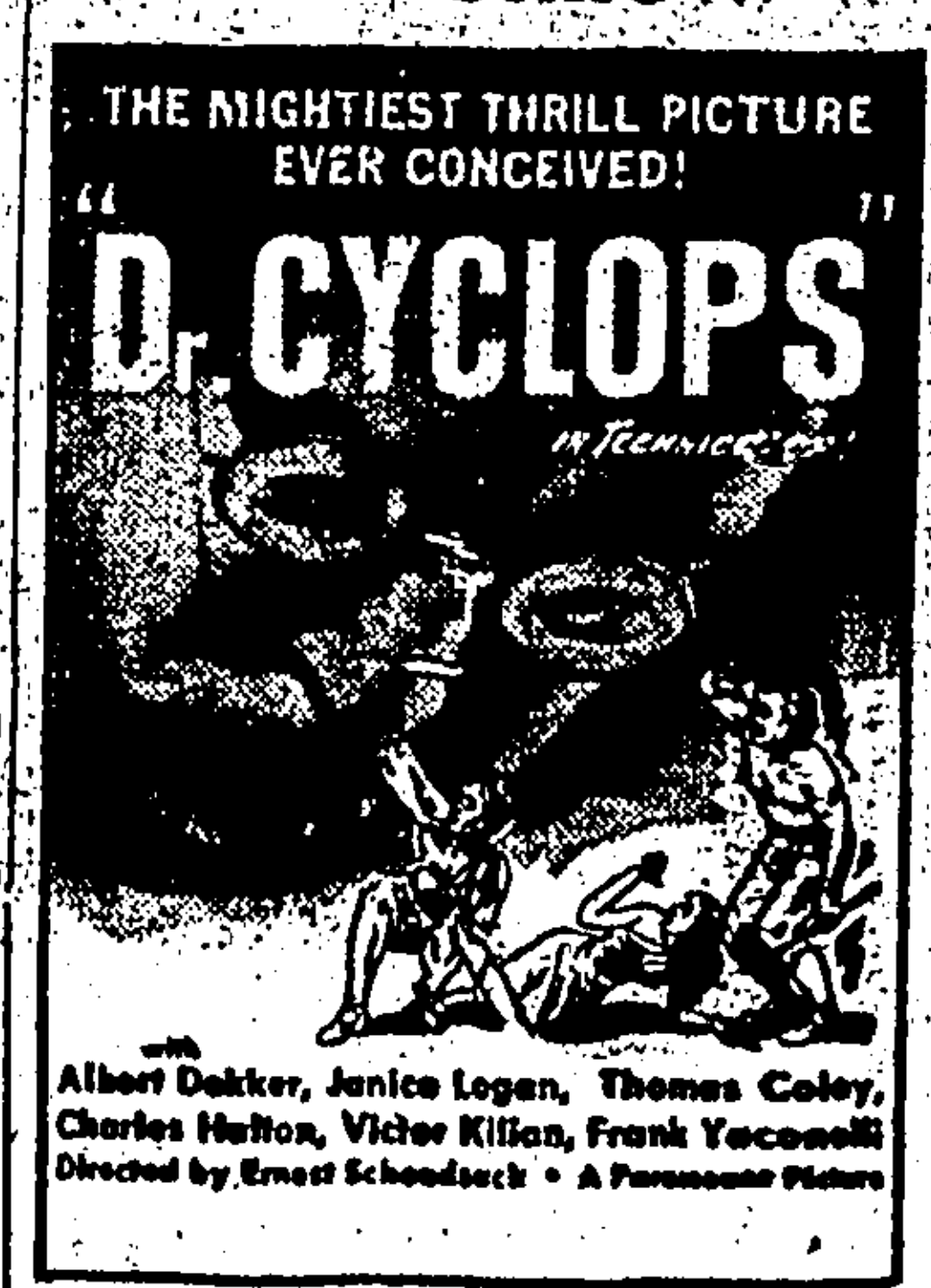
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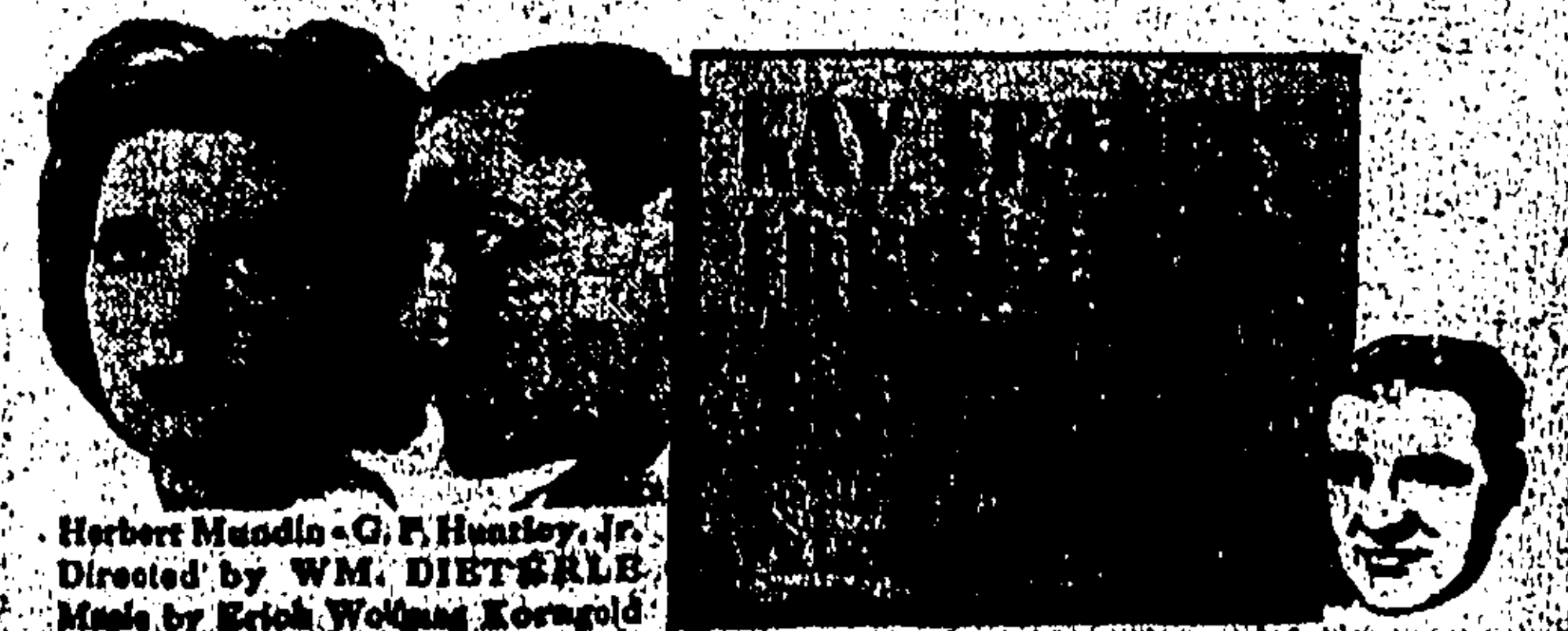
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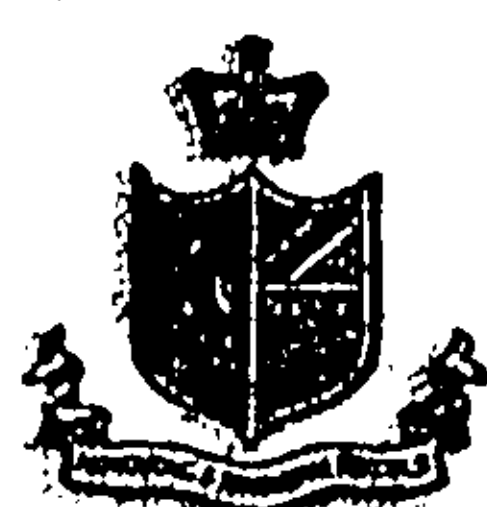
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People wonder why our launches, sometimes in perilous weather conditions and at the risk of their own lives, should worry about rescuing hostile airmen.

There are two reasons according to Air Chief Marshal Sir Frederick Bowhill—the dynamic little man with red hair and bristling eyebrows who is Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Coastal Command.

One is a tradition of chivalry which belongs to air-fighting as it does to the sea itself.

The launches were fast enough to make the journey to and from the Kent shore and Dunkirk almost every hour. One, after picking up B.E.F. evacuees, found a bombed French boat drifting and containing wounded men on stretchers down below. Then it rescued French soldiers and marines from rowing boats and rafts. Took the whole lot in tow, men and craft, and landed them at Ramsgate. Another launch was the very last vessel to leave Dunkirk.

The R.A.F.'s flying boat refuellers are used for refuelling flying boats immediately they return from patrol so that they are ever at the ready.

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So when you read of Coastal Command's flying patrols that guard 4,000 miles of our coast-lines, that keep watch from Iceland to Gibraltar, that bomb the enemy relentlessly at sea and on his coasts, remember also the little boats that help to make all this possible—the R.A.F.'s own Navy!

SHANGHAI R.A.F. MAN KILLED IN ENGLAND

News of tragic death of Pilot Officer Williams Ernest Holland on December 10 has been received in Shanghai by his brother, Mr. V. J. B. Holland, in a telegram from the Air Council, expressing their profound sympathy and regret. Mr. Holland met death in an aerial accident in England.

"Bill" Holland was an extremely popular and a widely-known character in Shanghai, having been associated with the National Carbon Company for several years. He was also connected with the R.A.F.A. and Shanghai Volunteer Corps, serving with the Air Defence Company as Lieutenant. Later he was transferred to the Reserve of Officers.

Mr. Holland served throughout the last war, first in the Royal Flying Corps and later in the Royal Air Force when it was formed. He ended up with the rank of Major.

WRECKED JUNKERS AS AN "R.A.F. MACHINE"

Lying German
Picture

The Germans are finding it so difficult to obtain R.A.F. bombers to photograph for propaganda purposes that they are taking pictures of their own crashed aircraft and describing them as British.

A case occurred on September 14, when the "Völkischer Beobachter" published in its North German edition an impressive photograph of a wrecked aeroplane, alleged to be a British machine which had been shot down. It was accompanied by the triumphant caption: "The end of a British air pirate. He tried to cross the French coast, but our air defences were on the look-out and brought him down."

The aircraft is, in fact, quite clearly a Junkers 88. The curious un-English draughtsmanship of the death's head painted on the fuselage in the Nazi fashion would in itself arouse the suspicion of the observant, and a closer examination of the wreckage reveals it beyond any doubt as a Junkers 88, hundreds of which have been shot down over this country.

A comparison of photographs shows that they are identical machines. The one is the German propaganda picture and the other is a photograph of a Junkers 88 shot down in South-East England on August 22. Great Britain could supply Goebbels with a formidable selection of similar photographs of Junkers, which have now proved so vulnerable to our fighters and anti-aircraft guns that they are rarely, if ever, sent over Britain these days.

It is only in exceptional circumstances that the British authorities reveal the exact types of German machines, the names of crews (dead or prisoners), and the dates and places where the aircraft have been shot down in Britain. Such an occasion was on October 9, when the German High Command stated that "all but three of our aircraft returned safely." The Air Ministry had announced that eight German aircraft had been destroyed, including two Heinkel 60 floatplanes which were lost in the sea without survivors. After the German claim had been made, the Air Ministry gave the types, the markings, and the places where the aircraft were shot down, together with the names and ranks of the crews.

The examples given above are only two of dozens of cases in which German propaganda statements about the air war live up to their well-known reputation for untruthfulness.



Law Ayres, who is under contract to Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer and is noted for his role of Dr. Kildare in the "Dr. Kildare" movie series, has been assigned the masculine lead in "Male Was a Lady," starring Ann Blyth.



BRITAIN'S INCREASING SUPPORT

Some of the staunchest supporters of the aid-to-Britain movement in the United States are persons who formerly were either lukewarm or quite impartial in their attitude toward the war. This alteration in sentiment has been due to recognition of America's position in the world conflict. Recent recruits to the anti-Nazi cause base their new position on moral as well as political grounds.

Such is the motive acknowledged by some threescore of Roman Catholics—laymen and clergy—for a recent statement urging all possible aid from the United States to Britain, "lest we be left to face the dictators of Europe and Asia alone."

This is a most timely plea. The United States is speeding up its manufacture and shipment of supplies to Britain. It is approaching the time when it may have to consider placing its ships once more in traffic between American and British ports. But meanwhile the seas on which American supplies must travel, and American ships may soon have to venture, are becoming daily more dangerous because of the U-boat menace.

Important and heartening as is the tremendous victory in the Mediterranean, the area of submarine warfare and of raids on merchant shipping in the North Atlantic off the Irish coast remains a crucial one in the present struggle.

Mr. Churchill has explained that one of the foremost reasons for the seriousness of the U-boat warfare against Britain lies in the fact that bases from which the British Navy could operate in the World War are now denied it.

These bases lie in that portion of Ireland which is predominantly Roman Catholic. Up to now Mr. de Valera has refused to grant to Britain the right to use bases in Southern Ireland. Nor has he publicly recognised what is becoming clear to many Irishmen elsewhere, that the interests of an independent Eire, like those of an independent United States, are bound up with victory over the Nazis. If this means at the moment Britain's victory over the Nazis, that is not Britain's fault.

Many factors operate to keep Mr. de Valera's position fixed in a static refusal to face facts. Ire-

No one will be better pleased than the German soldiers if Hitler's plan for invading Britain is postponed indefinitely. Not from any love of Britain, but just because they would like to stay alive.

I know, because I spent 19 days among them in occupied Brittany and in occupied Tournai.

I did not seek out the company of the Germans. That would not have been healthy. I am a lieutenant in the Polish army, and with other Polish officers and men who had been with the French I was trying to escape from German-occupied France to Britain in order to carry on our fight. I had to avoid the Germans.

But I saw and I heard them, and the peasants and the people in the chateau who hid us, who gave us food and helped us on our way, they all had tales to tell us of the German soldiers in their villages.

One night, when we were hiding in the barn of a chateau up near the coast, we heard a great noise from the village.

I asked our host what it was.

"Oh," he said, "that is the German soldiers. They are celebrating. They have just received orders to move to Bordeaux. They think that down in Bordeaux they will be safe from being used for the invasion of England."

There was a regiment in St. Malo who rejoiced openly when orders came for them to move away from the invasion coast to the safe South.

Not that the Germans in Brittany were quiet fellows at any time. By the time my little party and I had got safely out the Germans had drunk up all the champagne in the country. Champagne, sausages and sauerkraut (choucroute garnie) was and is the favorite order of the German soldiers in the cafes when they can get it. And the sweeter the champagne the better.



I have seen quite enough of the Germans in their new role as the masters of France. For after the 19 days which I spent hopping across fields and through woods in occupied France, watching from hedges and ditches the German infantry columns roll by in their lorries—never once did I see German troops marching—I spent another two months and a half dogging the agents of the Gestapo in unoccupied France before I could make my dash for Spain and freedom.

It is only three weeks since I was in Vichy, capital of unoccupied France. It seems a year ago.

The contrast between the different nations I have come in contact with in the last few weeks is the most encouraging experience

land would be exposed to bomb attacks should Irishmen decide to dedicate their naval bases to a fight for freedom. There are old and understandable grudges. But as compared with the threat to Eire's sovereignty that is implicit in the spread of Nazism, thoughts of any danger of British encroachments in the South must seem romantic today.

In urging all possible aid to Britain the Irish element of Roman Catholicism in America may well do more than urge this upon citizens of the United States. Their stand should help free people everywhere to clear up foggy concepts of Britain's present role, and of Ireland's potential place, in a struggle crucial to the future of small States and to religious freedom.

Journey Across Europe

How do the Nazi soldiery face up to the idea of invading Britain?

How do the French people react under the heel of the Nazi jackboot?

Here the veil is lifted by a Polish officer, Lieutenant Zygmunt Litynski.

Coming from the Battle of Norway, this officer, who is also a distinguished Polish journalist, fought in the last stages of the Battle of France. He was nearly three weeks among the Germans in occupied France.

Lieut. Litynski was in Vichy in October. He escaped to Spain via Portugal. Thence he travelled to England.

Now Lieut. Litynski is in London. Here he tells his astonishing story.

I have had since I saw the Germans hold up their hands in surrender at Narvik. Alas! that seems a century ago!

The French, defeated, listless, disorganised and helpless, like a machine whose mainspring is shattered. The German soldiers, arrogant and swaggering in their triumph, but in danger of demoralisation from excessive indulgence in the gross pleasures of victory. The Spaniards, hungry and disunited, living among the ruins of their civil war without the energy to rebuild.

And now the British, the only one of these peoples that I have seen that really seem to know what this war is about, fighting with a strength and a cold calm, soldiers and civilians alike.



When we arrived in Brest on June 15 on our return from Narvik the streets were full of stragglers. Soldiers in ragged uniforms lounged around. They had no arms and there was no one to lead them. They had no interest in anything.

The civilians all insisted the war was over. They did not want it to go on. They seemed afraid that we should want to fight on in their city.

We tried to find our French commanding officer, General Bethouart, of the 1st Light Division. No one knew where he was. We had no equipment, only rifles and a few light automatics. No cars or lorries, no anti-tank guns, no ammunition for our rifles, no telephone or wireless, no medical kit.

They sent us off by train as we were on June 17 to take the sector from St. Malo to Combourg. Arms and equipment would be sent from Rennes, which, so we were informed, was full of everything, tanks, guns and vast quantities of munitions and transport.

We took up our position and fortified it. But the supplies did not arrive. The Germans had taken Rennes in the meantime.

The mayors of the villages where we had established our strong points ordered the inhabitants to pull down our fortifications. They, too, did not want us to fight in their district.

And then at 11 a.m. on June 18 the German motorised advance column was reported to be approaching. We made ready to fight. But they stopped. French mobile guards came out ahead of the Germans.

They held up their hands above their heads and came towards our advance post shouting: "DON'T SHOOT, THE ARMISTICE HAS BEEN SIGNED."

As far as fighting in France was concerned that was the end of our brigade. We had taken part in the victory of Narvik, we

had seen the German soldiers, throw down their arms. We had seen their general flee to the Swedish frontier. And now we had to give in without firing a shot.

One section refused to obey orders. They fired on the Germans and then slowly retired through the forest. I don't know what became of them.

We saw the Germans enter the village. They drove right past us on their lorries sitting there on their benches row by row, wooden, expressionless, like policemen.

A captain asked the mayor: "Are there any English around here?" And then they all drove on in the direction of Brest. The Germans were always asking for the whereabouts of British troops. The French they just ignored.

Breton peasants helped us in our get-away. The walls of their own houses were plastered with posters from the German army authorities—often stuck on top of the old mobilisation posters—warning them on pain of death not to help soldiers to escape.

But these simple peasants did not care.

They were not like the people of Brest. They wanted the war to go on. They gave us news of where the Germans were. They hid us. They gave us food. They guided us. They gave us the maps out of their atlases . . . the only maps we had.

It was the same whether we went into the cottages of the simple folk or the chateaux of the aristocrats.

And they were always full of news of the British. "The English are at Amiens," the peasants told us with delight and enthusiasm. "The English are at Dunkirk!"

The lord of one of the chateaux we called at told us full of pride of how the British had bombed a crossroads on the Paris-Bordeaux road and had annihilated a German column.

It was in a Breton farmhouse on June 23 in a room with those high peasant beds like cupboards in it, that we heard the news of the Franco-German agreement from the portable wireless which I had bought in Glasgow. Our General Bohusz covered his head with his hands, the women sobbed and prayed.

That night we were surrounded by the Germans in a wood. But we got out by following behind one of the tanks that was searching for us. It made such a clatter that no-one heard us.

Not all the French soldiers had given up the fight.

In a wood where they were hiding from the Germans like ourselves, I came across a troop of French soldiers in civilian clothes, with machine-guns and full armament.

They were going around destroying as best they could the tanks and motorcars and lorries and guns abandoned by the Germans. A young mechanic led them.

He used to creep right into the villages occupied by the Germans and under the noses of the German sentries he demolished essential parts of whatever machines he found there. The soldiers said they were working under orders from the French military authorities. But they would not tell us which. That, they said, was a secret.

Another group of French soldiers who refused to surrender, were using an army petrol tank car as an armoured vehicle, and with this they used to sally forth on raids into villages occupied by isolated German posts.

They did not attack the Germans. They just took their food at the point of the machine-gun and their ammunition, and then returned to their hideouts. The Germans let them go. They did not want any trouble. I was amazed to see how dispersed and isolated many of the German posts were. It would have been easy to organise a movement against them.

Once, after we had changed into civilian clothes, I found myself in a little town among a crowd of French soldiers just at the moment when two Germans arrived to take it over.

The Germans gave the Hitler salute. Many of the French mutely raised their hands in reply. No one made a move against the Germans. There was no one to lead them.

But there was great bitterness against the Germans everywhere. The peasants were angry because there had been a good deal of looting, mostly of champagne and bicycles, but also, as at Saumur, of clothing. A German platoon in Saumur paraded the streets in stolen pyjamas.

One old French peasant told me how his last pig had been taken by a German soldier, who gave him a chit for it. When he presented the chit to the Kommandantur for payment they laughed and threw him out. He showed me the chit. It said: "Ein gutes verket fuer einen guten Bayern." A good pig for a good Bavarian.



The most difficult part of our escape was crossing the rivers. We used to wait in the bushes till a good moment came to rush across the big motor roads. But the Paris-Bordeaux road we couldn't cross at all. There was continual German traffic on it. In the end we found a culvert which ran underneath it, and through this we crept to the other side.

The Loire, too, was closely guarded on both sides. But just as we were giving up hope we came across a little hut. Through a window we could hear the B.B.C. news in French being broadcast. A forest guard was inside, listening to it with his wife and three little girls.

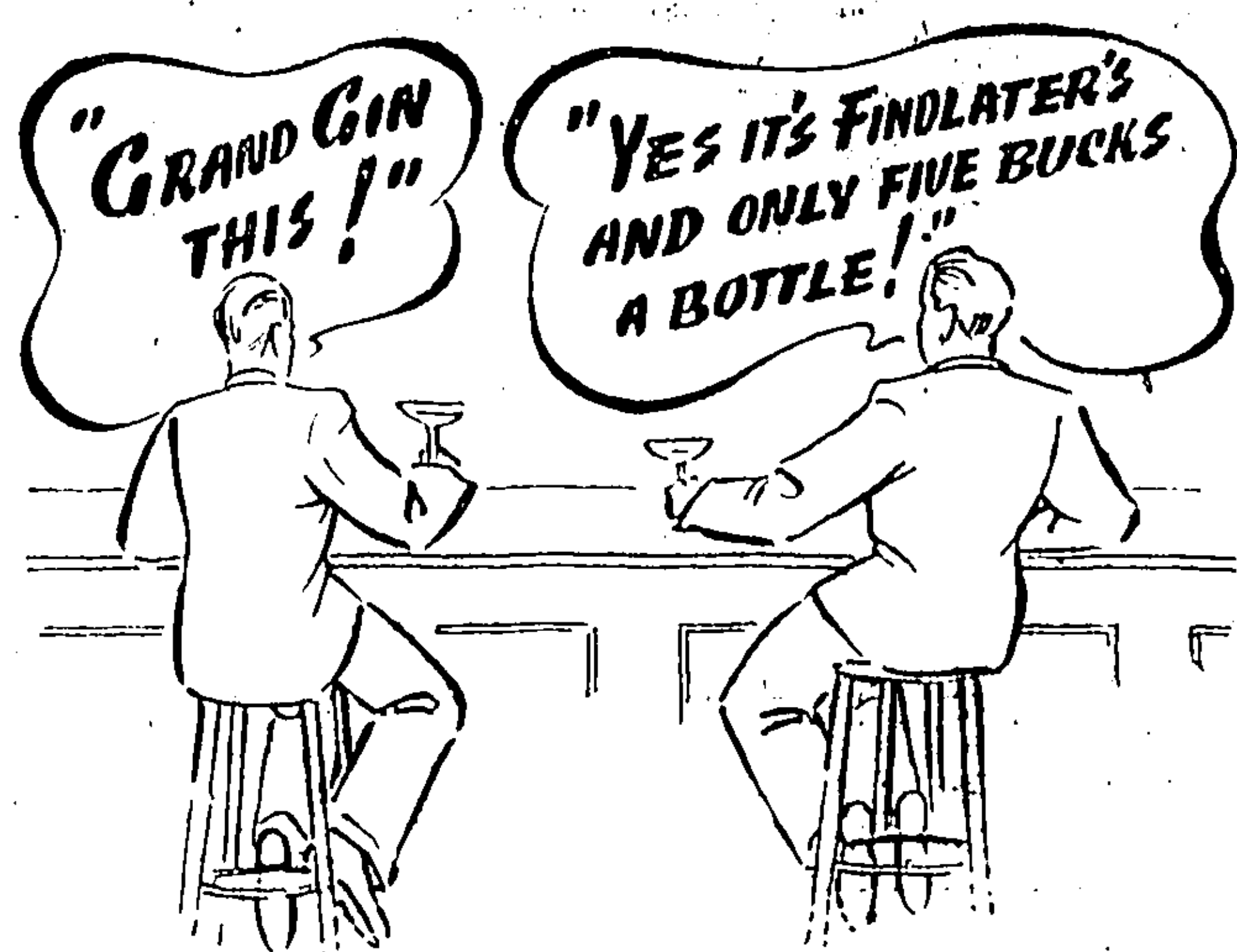
He took us across the river in his rowboat and led us across fields and woods for another seven hours.

On the fringe of another wood, just before nightfall we met an old peasant woman. "Come in boys," she cried. "Come in and have something to eat and drink. Only an hour more to go from here and you'll be shut of the Germans."

That night there was a wild storm. And under cover of the rain and thunder and wind we crept through the forest past the German sentries, who were huddling in their dugouts, across the border line into unoccupied France.

At Chatillon we saw the first French soldiers with rifles we had seen for three weeks. We had marched 450 miles on foot and we felt it.

Lieut. Litynski continues his story to-morrow.



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FRANCE WILL NOT SURRENDER A SECOND TIME

SINCE THE German terms were first presented to the French Government, five main factors have combined to mitigate their original crudity, and it is believed that something in the nature of a compromise is now under discussion at Vichy and in Paris. These are:

First, growing public resentment against a second capitulation to Germany and Italy, especially the latter. This is unmistakable, and is reported reliably from both occupied and unoccupied France, so much so that it has been found necessary to forbid the reproduction of the Free French programmes from the B.B.C., which had become a practice in cafes and other resorts.

Secondly, the Colonial demands are by their very nature unforceable, and any attempt to apply them at the present moment would play into the hands of Gen. de Gaulle.

Italian Insistence

Thirdly, there is the imperfect co-ordination of German and Italian claims. The Italian Press is openly urging its territorial demands and abusing the French Government.

It is believed that one of the chief subjects discussed between the two dictators at Florence was the best way of harmonising German and Italian terms.

While the Vichy Government hesitates, sudden invasion of the Department of the French Alps and of Savoy and Corsica might well set the whole country aflame. Serious neutral observers put the proportion of pro-British sympathisers as high as 90 per cent., and such an act might turn sympathy into support.

It is believed that Mussolini has been prevailed on by Hitler to move cautiously and to

engage in talks beforehand with the most pro-Fascist member of the Vichy Government, Laval. There are, however, signs that he is impatient and reluctant to wait.

Fourthly, the attack on Greece is regarded in France as incompatible with suggestions that the main purpose of the Axis is peace.

Fifthly, there is the extent of the German military demands, which have caused Gen. Huntziger, Minister of War, to leave for Paris.

Dissensions at Vichy

The result of the merging of these various trends has been to divide the Vichy Government still further, as shown by the denial—somewhat too complete—issued by French diplomats abroad that any lessening of French sovereignty will be accepted.

The reported resignation of the Secretary-General of the French Foreign Ministry, M. Charles-Roux, who was for many years Ambassador to the Holy See, means that one of the most distinguished and honourable of France's diplomatists feels unable to accept Laval as a chief.

Messages from Vichy state that France will not admit that any French naval base or any unit of the French Fleet will be used against Britain. This, it is learned on good authority, is the definite answer made by the French to the Germans at the Hitler-Pétain meeting.

Vichy's forthcoming agreement with Berlin will be of much narrower scope than is generally believed on the Continent. The new Franco-German cooperation will apply chiefly to economic problems, French industries consenting to work for Germany and granting preferential rights to the Reich. Other clauses are:

French prisoners will be liberated.

Germany will agree to evacuate part of occupied France south of the Loire, and also perhaps the Paris left bank.

A corridor will be granted to the French Government for its communications from Paris to Orleans, but the Germans will retain all the coast down to the Spanish border.

No territorial concessions have as yet been discussed. This agreement will only be a preliminary to a definite peace treaty envisaged for the end of the war.

VARSAITY'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT

THE UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION WILL BE GIVING THEIR 15TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT ON SUNDAY AT 9 P.M. IN THE GREAT HALL.

His Excellency the Acting Governor will honour the occasion with his presence.

The programme will include both Community Singing and Carols by the Association's choir under Robert Baldwin, who for over ten years has been Honorary Conductor. At the piano will be Miss Caroline Braga.

The Choir is made up chiefly of undergraduates, who, together with friends from outside like J. R. M. Smith and Y. K. See,

H.K. APPEAL FOR WAR ORPHANS

The Hong Kong Annual Orphanage Appeal Committee, has issued an appeal for generous public support, pointing out that since the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese hostilities the number of homeless refugee children has increased everywhere in China and relief work has become a problem of great importance to-day.

With the advent of the war in China, the influx of these destitute war children into this Colony from time to time has assumed a grave magnitude which deserves our urgent and sympathetic attention.

Of late, various efforts in the direction of providing free food and shelter and vocational training have been attempted by the community of Hong Kong to alleviate the suffering of these little ones. The most noticeable work of this kind are the Rural Home & Orphanage in Taiipo and the War Refugee Children's Industrial Home in Aberdeen each having under its care over 100 children. These two institutions were established and are being maintained with funds subscribed mostly from abroad; one being largely dependent on contributions from Christian organisations in England, while the other being supported by similar bodies in the United States and Canada. Due to their rather limited financial resources, however, they have not been able to extend their activities on a bigger and more comprehensive scale.

The present relief measures, while commendable, have been hardly adequate to accommodate the increasing number of war orphans seeking the sanctuary of Hong Kong. The "South China Christian Education & Industrial Association for Homeless War Refugee Children" has been lately organised to co-ordinate the activities of the above institutions and to further the work for the care of war orphans.

At a recent meeting the Association has decided to appeal to the public for donations towards the goal of \$50,000.

It is proposed that \$10,000 or more will be appropriated to make up the deficit in the budget of the said two institutions for the coming year, as the war situation abroad precludes the prospect of continued support from sources on which these institutions hitherto relied. The balance of funds to be raised will be used to provide new accommodation for 200 more orphan boys and girls. This accommodation will be provided either by enlarging institutions or by inviting the Salvation Army to supervise a new home whichever proves the more economical and efficient plan.

It would be hardly necessary for us to stress the important nature of this kind of relief work. Our aim is not only to give these unfortunate children food and shelter but to educate them and to give them the rudiments of vocational and moral training. Thus the youngsters would have an opportunity, which they would be otherwise deprived of, to learn and to become good citizens in future. We appeal to you for your kind support, and we feel sure we could count on your generous assistance to this worthy cause. Please remember that every dime you contribute would bring sunshine and hope into the faces of these desperate little ones who have suffered through no fault of their own, and their hearts will overflow with thankfulness for the kindness and comfort you have brought into their life in the hour of misery and despair.

We shall gratefully appreciate donations which may be sent to the South China Christian Education & Industrial Association for Homeless War Refugee Children, 24, Wing Lok Street, Hong Kong.

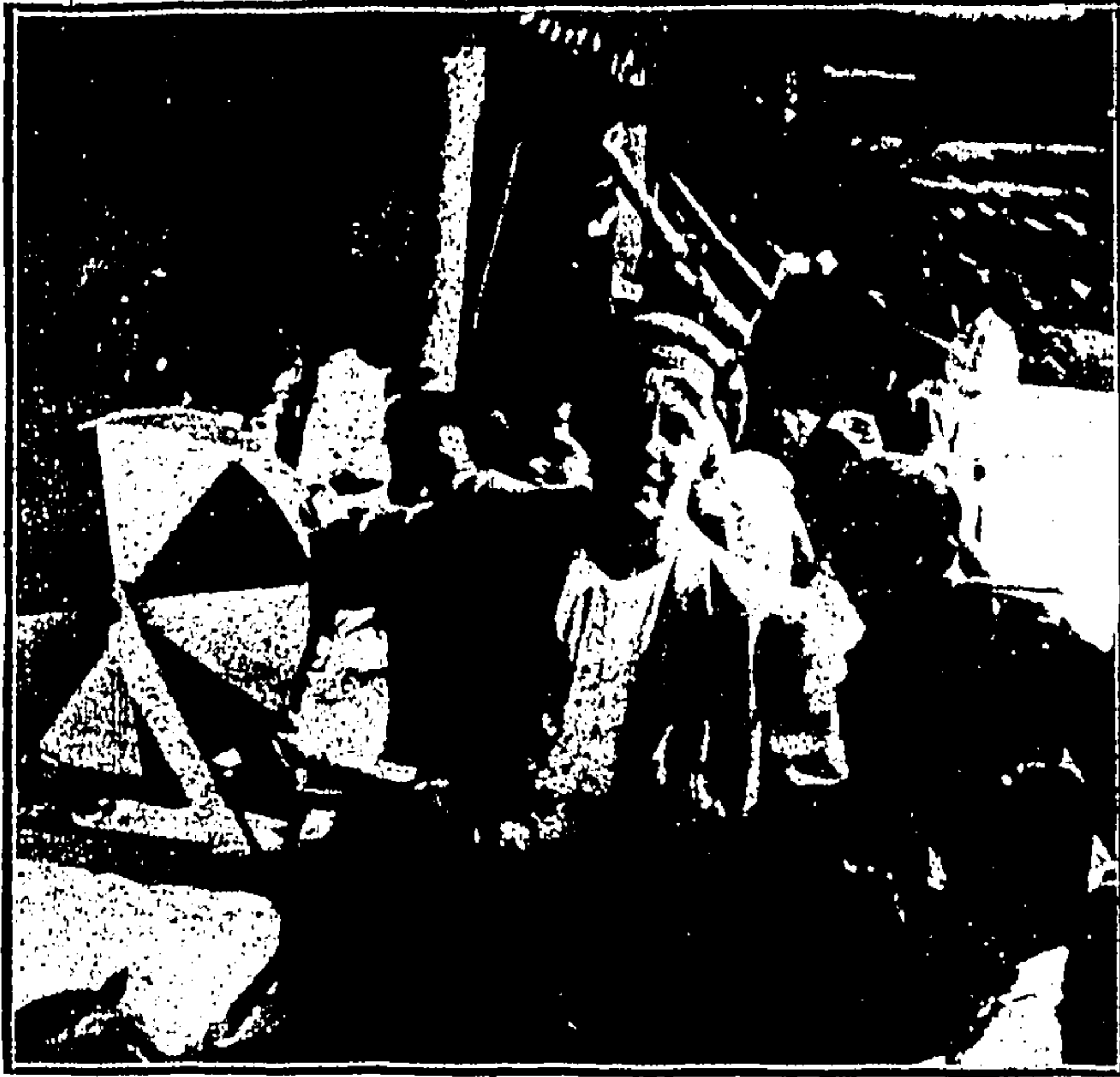
and several of the Colony's alto, number thirty strong, and they will sing among other pieces, "What a Wonderful World," "O Leave Your Sheep," "Poverty," and "New Prince New Pomp."

At the close of the Concert, a collection will be taken, and the proceeds equally divided between the Society for the Protection of Children, the Hong Kong School for the Deaf, and the Street Sleepers Shelter Society.

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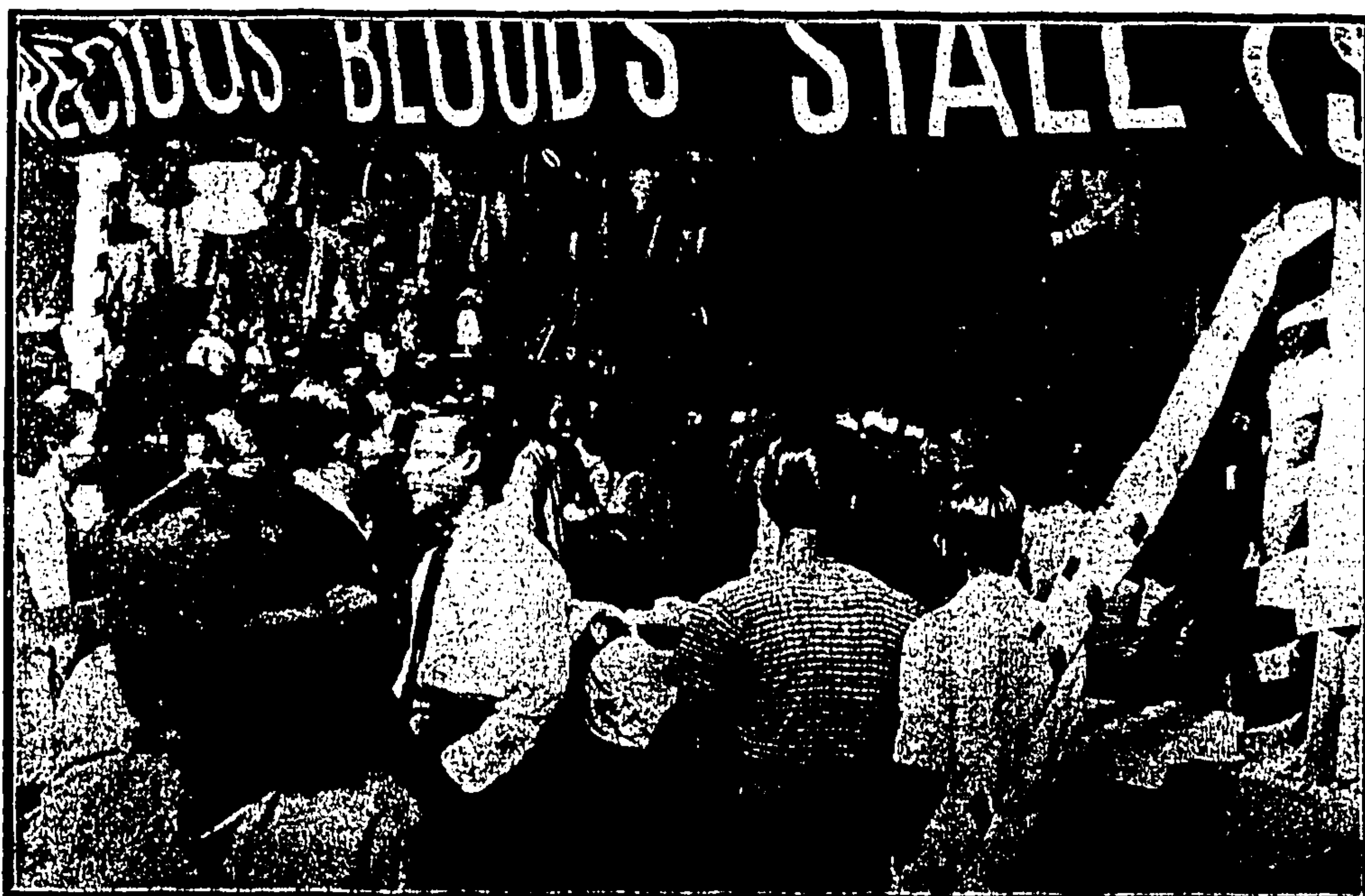
Local Charity Bazaars



Snapped at one of the stalls at the Parochial Bazaar.



Mgr. Valtorta declaring open the Parochial Bazaar at Tung Lo Garden.



The Precious Blood stall at the Parochial Bazaar of St. Vincent de Paul on Sunday.



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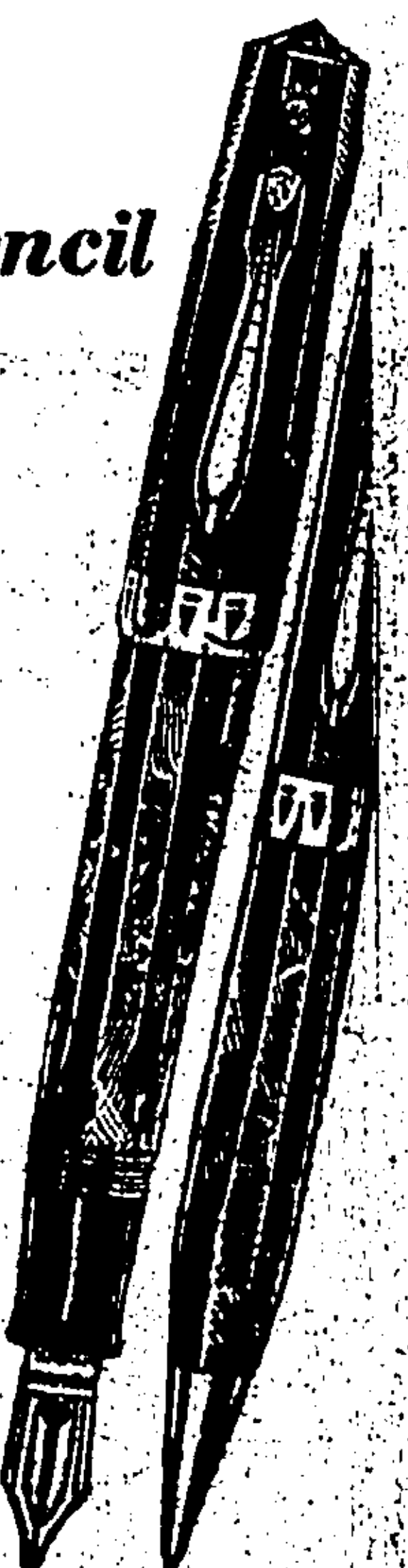
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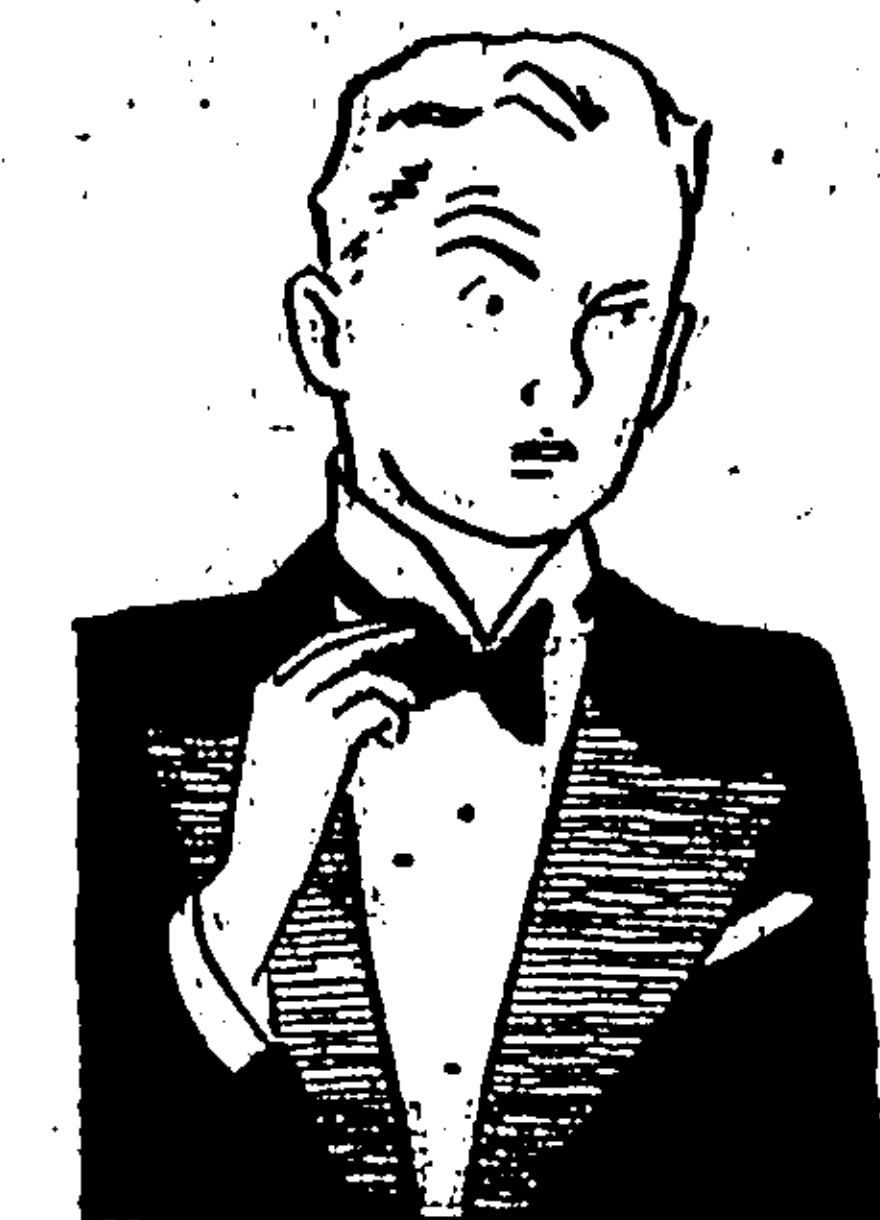
PERCY Bones had always desired to shine, but personal distinction had been denied him. He had, in his time, desired to shine in almost every way—among the other children as a runner or a spinner of tops, at school as a scholar, and in the various jobs he had tried, as a go-ahead young chap with a future; in all these ways he had desired to shine, but his brightest and most constant desire was to shine socially.

Percy Bones would have liked to be liked—not just not disliked but actively liked and sought-after, welcome to drop in at any time at lots of houses and aware that even in his absence people spoke well of him and went about saying what an awfully nice chap Bones was. His ambition was to be the life and soul of the party, and to have dewy-eyed girls looking up at him with parted lips and telling him he was a one and imploring him, amid trills of delighted giggles, to give over or he would be the death of them. He had known of several such fortunate men and had observed with a painful envy the success which they enjoyed. What was the little something, he had so often asked himself, which they obviously had and he seemed to lack?

It was true that his appearance was perhaps against him—or rather that it was not exactly for him, for he was not positively ill-favoured. He was obliged to admit that his was not the sort of face and figure they use for advertising hair lotion or high-class tobacco, yet at the same time he could not fail to notice that far uglier men than he often had far better fun. After the first shock, people did not care much one way or the other about what a man looked like so long as he was able to compel their attention. Once you had got people interested enough to take notice of you you were well on the way to being the life and soul of the party. The difficulty was to get people to notice you at all.

Percy Bones had done all the things, of course. He had joined a social club. He had joined a rambling club. He had rambled until his feet felt as if they had been bastinadoed, and he had been sootiable until his face ached with the fixity of his smile; yet still success had not come his way.

"What are you doing for Christmas, Mr. Bones?" people at the social club would ask him during conversational pauses towards the end of November, just as earlier in the year people at the rambling club would ask him during conversational pauses what he was



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doing for Whitsun. The answer was always the same; nothing special, just spending the holiday quietly at home. And what, Percy Bones would inquire brightly, were they doing?

Oh, they were going away. Friends had invited them down. Five of them were motoring down in Bob's car—a bit of a squash, but it all made more fun, mucking in together. Though, of course, a quiet Christmas, or a quiet Whitsun or Easter, as the case might be, took a lot of beating; that is, if you liked that sort of thing.

If you liked that sort of thing, Percy Bones didn't like that sort of thing. Christmas in lodgings—who in their senses could like that sort of thing? The sort of thing that Percy Bones liked was parties, nice friendly parties with everybody liking him and listening to him and hanging on his words. He had never actually been to a party like that, but always at the back of his mind harboured the vision of this ideal party to which he would one day be bidden, and where he would shine like the star on the wand of the fairy on the top of the Christmas tree.

This year it looked like being the same.

"And what are you doing for Christmas, Mr. Bones?" asked Miss Haver, a new member with whom Percy Bones happened to be thrown together for a few minutes at the winter social of the rambling club.

"Oh, nothing special. I think I shall spend it quietly at home this year," he said. Before Miss Haver had time to respond with the remark that there was nothing to beat a quiet Christmas, their conversation was interrupted by the arrival of young Larkin, the popular man of the club, to claim a dance with Miss Haver who, as Percy had been quick to note, was a personable young woman.

He had no further speech with her that evening, but some ten days later he was surprised and delighted to receive from her a note, addressed him him care of the club, and forwarded on, asking him whether he would care to accompany Miss Haver to a small Christmas party given by some friends of hers on the other side of the town on Boxing Night. It would be quite informal. There would be coffee and sandwiches. There was a convenient bus that would take them almost to the door. Would he let her know by the telephone as soon as possible at her office?

In a ferment of pleasure he rang up her office at nine o'clock that morning, before she had so much as arrived. Half an hour later he rang her office again. He spoke to her then. Yes, he would be delighted. Delighted. Absolutely delighted, Miss Haver. It was not till some time afterwards, when the first flush of his excitement had cooled a little, that it came back into his mind that though her voice had sounded polite, it had not sounded thrilled.

It was at the lack-lustre hour

Several couples were treading an immobilised foxtrot by the gramophone at one end of the room, others were playing some paper game that consisted in identifying cryptic pencil sketches pinned on to the backs of the other guests. Nobody pinned a sketch on Percy Bones's back or indeed took any notice of him except to shake a plate of sandwiches with curled-up edges under his nose from time to time. He hung about on the fringes of groups, joining in the laughter at rattling fine jokes whose point he had missed because the tellers had their backs to him. One man particularly, a tall fat man with a shiny face and a green paper jockey cap was, in the eyes of Percy Bones, insufferable. It was plain as a pikestaff that he was that envied and imitable type, the life and soul of the party. Percy Bones, retired now to a corner of a settee under the pretence of looking at Christmas cards, watched him with loathing.

The man took the floor in front of the fireplace. With his loud voice and butcher's presence, little by little he drew the attention of the other guests upon himself. He was the rallying point of the evening, the life and soul of the party. He whisked a large yellow silk handkerchief out of his pocket.

"Anybody know this trick?" he asked. "Anybody here know how to pass a tumbler full of water through a handkerchief without upsetting the tumbler or making a hole in the handkerchief?"

He looked about him questioningly. Nobody did, of course. He could count on nobody's knowing. With a look of satious complacency on his face, the fat man spread the yellow handkerchief on a table, set a brimming glass of water on the handkerchief, waved his hands and muttered an abracadabra, smirked knowingly at his audience, gathered the four corners of the handkerchief together raised them—raised them—and there, preposterously, sitting by itself undisturbed upon the polished table, glistened the tumbler brimful of water.

man who had not been snapped up already. Percy Bones, was in-

"What d'you know about that?" cried the fat man. "Eh? Eh?" He



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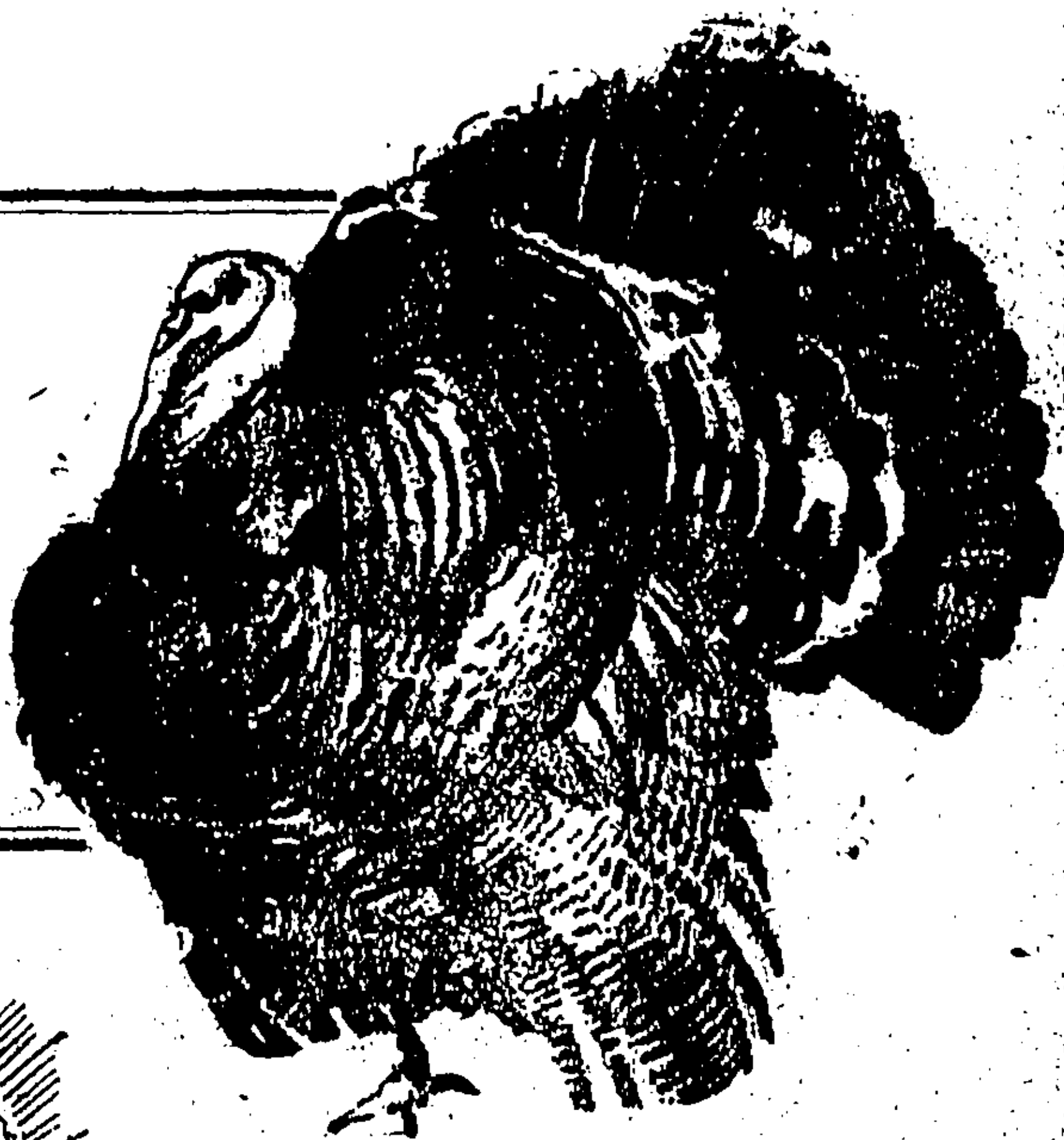
vited to the party. He knew. He knew. He knew all right. He was being made a convenience of. He turned over in his mind the possibility of withdrawing his acceptance and leaving them in the lurch, and for perhaps twenty minutes he pretended to believe that he was not going to the party, that he had his pride and was simply not going. But in his heart of hearts he knew all along that he could not really bring himself to deny himself this party and that in the end he would be tamely accompanying Miss Haver on the long bus ride to the other side of the town; and so he was.

During the journey Miss Haver's manner, though polite, was hardly warm; and as soon as they reached the house she was engulfed in a laughing crowd of over-heated people already flaunting paper hats. Percy Bones was perfunctorily introduced to one or two guests, who promptly left him flustered and was soon left hovering, eking out a ham sandwich and a glass of port. All the other people seemed to know each other.

stood back with his stomach stuck out and received the applause. "And now I'll show you another little trick," he offered. "Not at all a bad little trick. Quite simple, of course. A child could do it. All I need is a pack of cards and a young lady to hold the cards so that everybody can see what's going on—fair and square and above-board; that's me. Now what about you holding the cards, Gladys? Eh? Come on, don't be shy, they won't bite and nor will I!" And there stood Miss Haver, giggling with embarrassed pleasure, holding a fan of cards facing the company while the fat man, the party fellow, stood behind her and reached over her shoulder and picked out by magic, it seemed, whichever card the audience named. The success of this trick was terrific. The fat man was patted on the back. More drinks were called for. People changed paper hats with one another. A new box of crackers was opened. The funny man put on a false nose. Alone in his corner, Percy

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Before The Big Push

Night Raid On Italian Post

From this hidden desert position on the outskirts of Sidi Barrani between midnight and dawn this morning I watched infantry and artillery of the British advance striking forces go into action in the first big desert raid since Italy's westward push.

While shell-burst and flying tracer-bullets flared across the moonlit sky, Highland troops made repeated bayonet charges against Italian posts on the towns outskirts, scattering the enemy before them. Clearly across five miles of desert I could hear the Libyan soldiers manning the posts shrieking as the Jocks chased them back to Sidi Barrani.

In this long spectacular raid which took the enemy completely by surprise, more than a score of Fascist native auxiliaries were killed and one prisoner was taken. Italian mechanised transport, including six heavy lorries and water-cars were destroyed by our soldiers hurling Molotov cocktails.

Enemy Posts Held For Hours

Our men took several posts protecting Sidi Barrani and held them for several hours until the raid was completed. Then they returned to our positions, bringing back booty in the shape of guns, ammunition and equipment. The British losses were one soldier killed, one missing and four slightly wounded.

No sound came from Sidi Barrani. Occasionally one of our scouts crawled across the sand to reconnoitre the Italian positions, and once a Highlander colonel got within a hundred yards of the nearest Fascist post, heard the enemy troops talking and returned unmolested.

The infantry attack which was preceded by a three hour barrage by our artillery some distance behind, began at 10 p.m. when the moon was shining fitfully through

a heavy haze. From our position we watched Highlanders, tin-hatted and with bayonets fixed, their dusty faces now grim in the half light, receive final instructions and then with their heads hunched down, begin their slow stealthy advance in spread-out formation towards the enemy. Silence settled over the desert, broken only by fitful gunfire from our batteries and a desultory reply from the Italians.

Then suddenly a sound of shouting filled the air, and clearly across the desert natives could be heard screaming. A doctor standing beside me said, "That's the Jocks making their first bayonet charge. They've orders not to shoot until the last possible moment." The men were obeying those orders. A babel of voices came across the desert, but for more than an hour no shots sounded as the Highlanders methodically went about their job of taking over the enemy positions, annihilating the men holding them or sending them running back into Sidi Barrani.

It was an eerie sixty minutes for us staring into the blackness wondering what was happening. Then at midnight all hell was suddenly let loose as the Italian batteries in Sidi Barrani realised that a raid was taking place. Huts in the town and great expanses of sand were lit up as shells from five Fascist batteries pounded at the dim figures of the grim, methodically working British soldiers. For us it was like watching a battle-scene at the cinema as shells burst and tracer-bullets

criss-crossed in the sky and as spouts of flame from rifles and machine-guns began to be seen from all sides.

Fired on Their Own Men

Though it was obvious that many of the forward Italian posts were still being held by their own men, the Italian batteries in Sidi Barrani did not hesitate to turn their shells upon them in the hope also of destroying British troops. Then the garishly lit desert became even more fantastically

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bright as the Italians opened up with weapons usually reserved for the aircraft—"flaming onions"—firing great balls of multi-coloured flame that silhouetted the figures fighting as they burst among them. But these spectacular shells seemed to travel so slowly through the air that they never seemed to hit either the posts or the soldiers at which they were being fired, and the Highlanders carried on investing the machine-gun posts, cleaning out nests of Libyans and chasing those who escaped.

It was 4.30 in the morning when the first batches of Jocks began arriving back at the starting point to find a padre captain waiting for them with a movable canteen presented by the Church of Scotland, so that they had a cup of tea all ready for them. It was from these men that I got the full story of the battle. Many had had remarkable adventures. Split up into groups and led by officers and N.C.O.'s each attacked a different

post. They soon found that every post was held by Libyan soldiers, and that there were no Italians in the forward lines.

They crept on their stomachs to within a few yards of each post. The attack began when a burly Scottish sergeant leaped to his feet, crying, "Go on, boys. Let's away in and get them." The Highlanders leapt into the posts and cut down the first men before the terrified Libyans had a chance to realise what was happening. Then began a four hours general melee as British soldiers went from post to post cleaning out the enemy. One by one the posts were taken over by the British rearguard as the forward line soldiers chased the fleeing shouting Libyans.

One of these advancing Highlanders, a 22 year old native of Glasgow, found he had chased the Libyans too far and was cut off with 30 native troops around him. Swiftly he threw off his helmet, went up to the Libyans and pretended he was a native soldier and accompanied them to a rear-post.

Unrecognised in the darkness he was put on guard and remained there for two hours before seizing the opportunity to slip away and regain the British lines.

Just Grunted

I asked him what he did when the Libyans addressed him. "Just grunted. It seemed to go down well enough," he replied. Like the rest this soldier returned to the base with his arms loaded with rifles and ammunition which he had captured from the Italian posts, each one of which had been stripped and destroyed before our men returned. Most of the Italians' mechanised transport in the front lines was destroyed by a party of men led by a young subaltern who had orders to try

and approach the posts from the rear. He and his men succeeded in creeping in through the enemy lines and reaching a post where eight lorries were parked in lines. Only two Libyans were guarding them and they quickly seized them.

"They call us the demolition squad," said the subaltern. "And we were carrying pickaxes and Molotov cocktails as well as our rifles. We did a pretty good job slashing the tyres and breaking the cylinders of five lorries, a petrol lorry and a water-cart. Then holding our prisoners tightly, we crept back and hurled our Molotov cocktails at the lorries. Seven distinct pillars of fire suddenly rose out of the blackness. It was a marvellous sight and the boys loved it. But it soon attracted the attention of the Italians, who despite the fact that we were behind their own lines, turned their heavy guns on us and raked us with fire. It was pretty hot shooting and made us a bit uncomfortable. So we grabbed our Libyans and with a little persuasion got them to crank up the remaining lorry. Then we climbed in, putting one Libyan in the driving seat . . . and off we drove. But not for long. The Italians sighted us in the firelight and opened up with tracer-bullets which smashed through our roof and windscreen inches from our faces. So reluctantly we got out and smashed up this lorry too . . . and then we rushed through the barrage of fire and successfully regained our lines. We were pretty late and everyone was a bit surprised we'd returned. But you cannot stop Jocks."

We climbed back into the convoy just before dawn, and began the journey back, to our forward positions. . . . As I lie in my sleeping bag in the open desert I can hear batteries of guns thundering not far away, but whether it presages a new British attack or an Italian counter-attack it is not yet possible to say.

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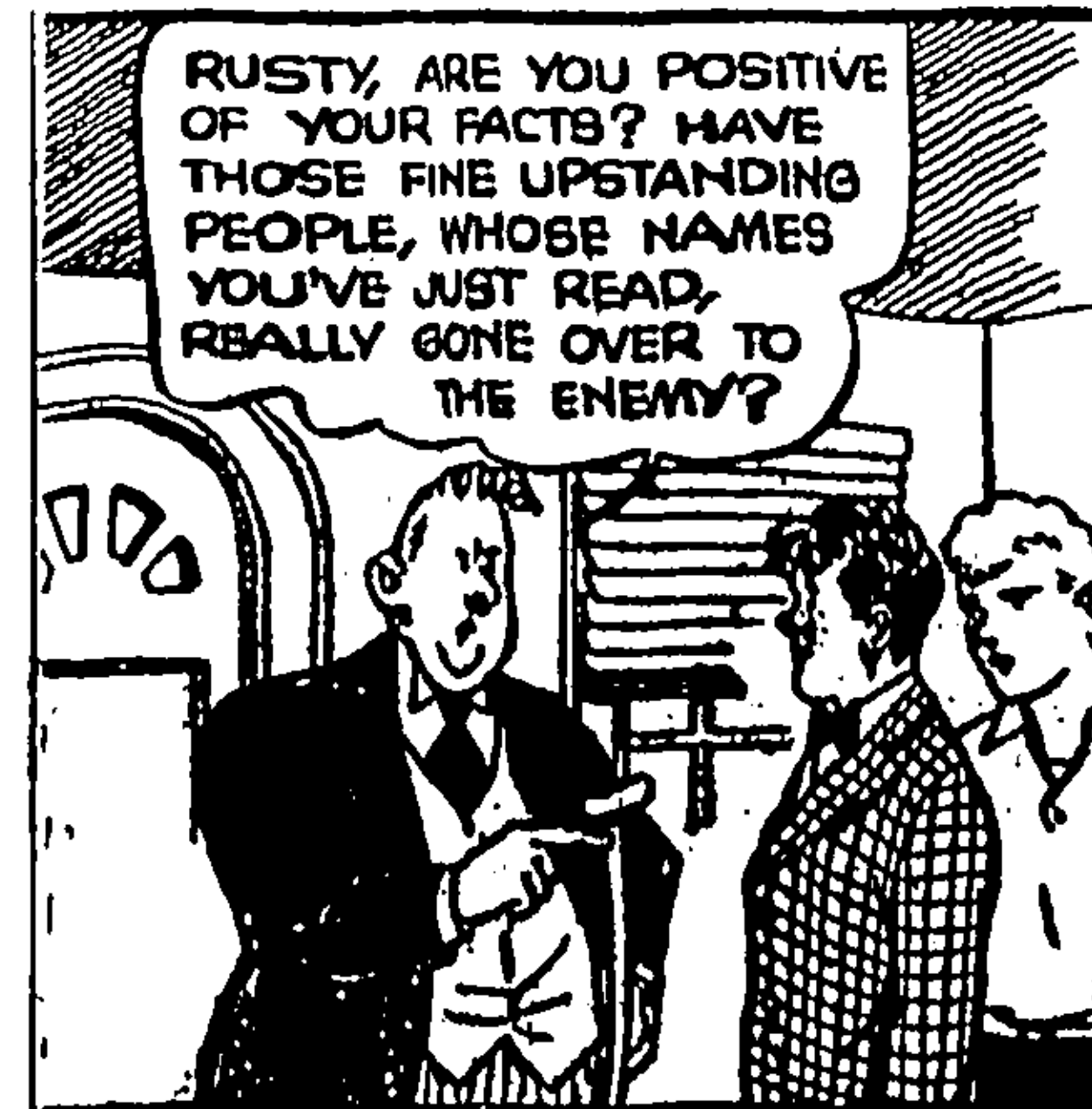
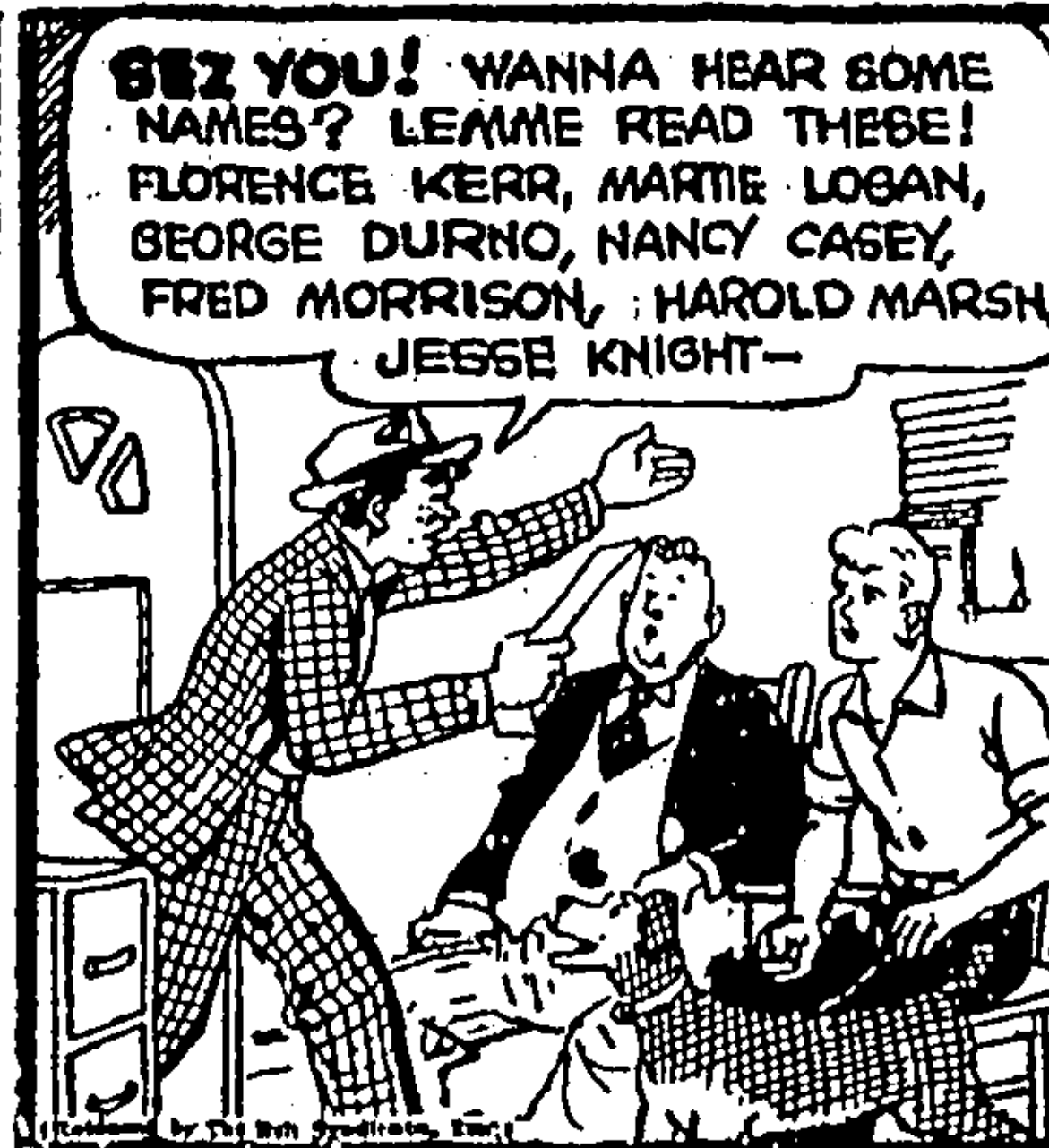
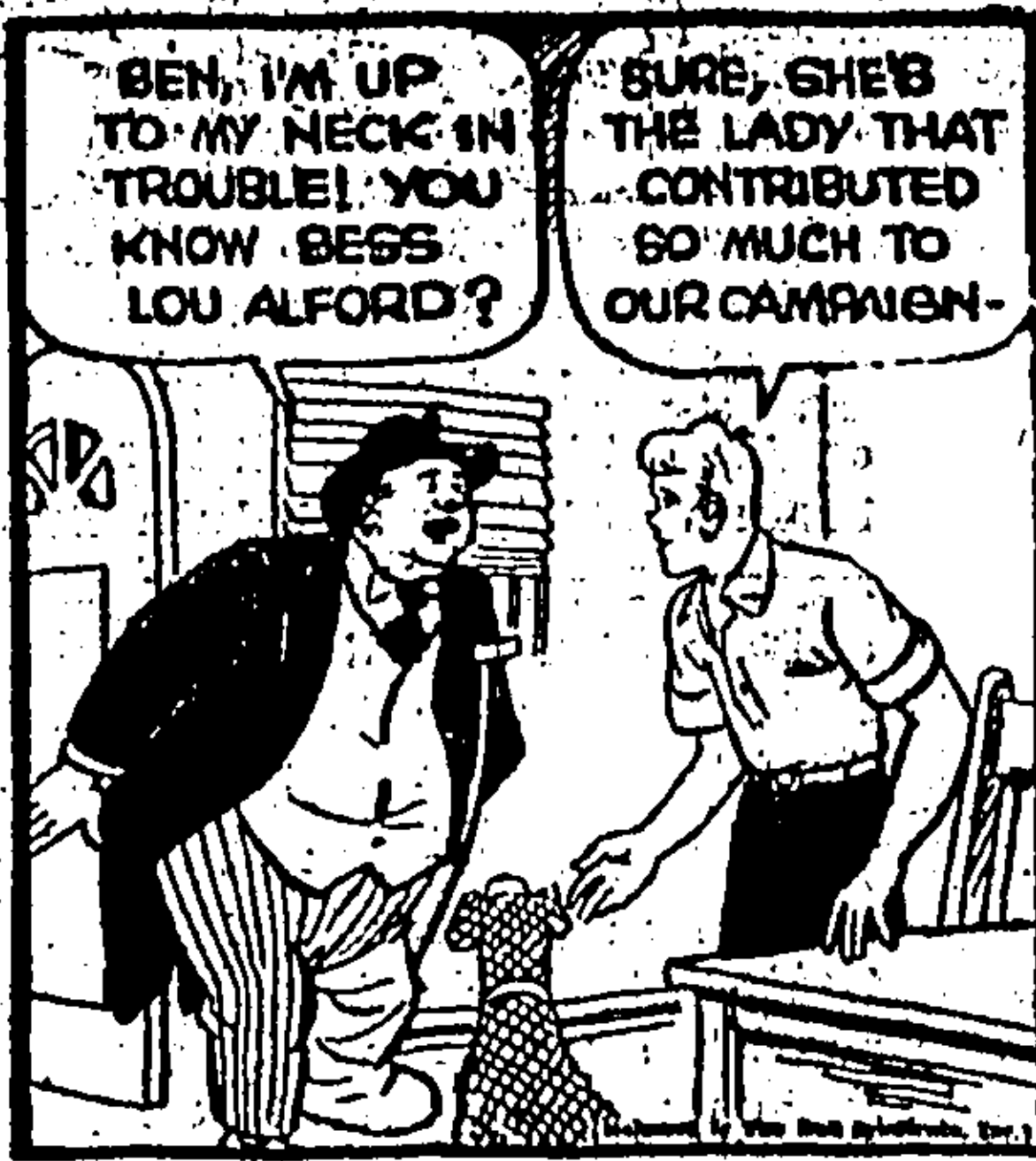
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Bones watched the party going with a swing without him — ignoring him. Something boiled in Percy Bones.

"What about another trick, Alf?" somebody suggested.

The fat man laughed.

"Well," he said, "If you all really want me to, I don't mind showing you."

"I know a good trick," said a voice, surprisingly loud and hitherto unheard, from the settee in the corner. "I'll show you a very good trick." The voice was slightly tremulous, but it had something commanding in it almost in a menacing, a queer tone, you would have thought, to be heard at a party. People paused, and listened. They turned and looked with interest at Percy Bones. Percy Bones stood up.

"You get a length of string," the fat man was saying. "You get hold of a length of string," he repeated, in a louder voice. But they were not listening any longer to the fat man. They were listening to Percy Bones, and looking at Percy Bones as, rather white but with shining eyes, Percy Bones moved over to the front of the fireplace.

"This," he said, "is not really a trick at all; it is a demonstration of clairvoyance. If there are any people in this room who are sceptical of the genuineness of occult phenomena, will they please leave

the room while this demonstration is taking place, as their presence may cause unpleasant psychological vibrations."

"He's a medium," someone whispered. Nobody left the room.

"What I am going to do," continued Percy Bones, "is to ask you to blindfold me as heavily as you wish, and when you are completely satisfied that I can see nothing that is going on in the room, to pull a cracker. There will probably be a printed motto on a piece of paper inside the cracker, and if you will hold this piece of paper in front of my bandaged eyes and tell me the first and the last letters of the motto, so that I can tune in to the proper vibration, I will read the motto out loud to you—by clairvoyance. But please satisfy yourselves first that the blindfolding is as effective as you can make it," concluded Percy Bones in an aloof and disinterested voice. He stood with folded hands, waiting for them to blindfold him.

There was a good deal of nervous giggling. Nobody moved to begin with. Then a young man stepped forward and bound Percy's eyes firmly with the yellow handkerchief, which was lying on the table. "This scarf too," somebody else suggested, "just to make sure." He felt it being tightened, none too gently, round his temples.

"Now see what you can see," remarked with a trace of malice a voice which he recognised as the

fat man's, and immediately there was a deafening crack! as a cracker went off a few inches from his left ear, and at once another crack! a few inches from his right. Roars of laughter went up all round him. He felt slightly dazed with the noise and the excitement. "Read me the first and the last letters of the motto, please," he said quietly.

A strange voice answered.

"M is the first and the last is R," it said.

"M and R?"

"That's right."

"There was silence, broken by a little snuffle of giggling, quickly suppressed. Percy Bones stood with bent head, concentrating. Perhaps ten seconds passed. Then he threw up his head, he threw back his shoulders and in a clear and ringing voice he declared: "Mistrust new friends who coax and flatter."

Tried comrades are the ones that matter."

"Good Lord!" It was the fat man's voice.

"Let me see the motto myself," came Miss Haver's voice, then: "Well I never!"

"Best trick I ever saw," said someone else.

"That was no trick," remarked a third voice, a woman's. "That was second sight."

"And the second cracker I heard you pull? What are the first and last letters of the motto in that?" asked Percy, still blind-

folded.

"That's right! Try him with another."

"The first letter is F and the last is U," they told him. This time the answer came without hesitation:

"From beyond the ocean blue Your fate is drawing near to you."

"Never seen anything like it!"

"Uncanny, I call it."

"Let's pull another cracker."

"O.K."

Crack! Crack! went the crackers. Crack! Crack! Crack! It was the trick of the evening, the trick of the season, the trick of a lifetime. Crack! Crack! and never a single mistake never so much as a falter in the voice of Percy Bones.

They kept it up until all the crackers were pulled. Then they took the bandage from his eyes. He felt the soft hands of women round his brow and ears as they loosened the bandage. His eyes, opening to the bright light, had a dazzled look, as if returned from gazing on a far-off country. There was a kind of hush. Then Miss Haver said:

"You must be worn out, Mr. Bones. Come and sit down and have a drink."

Another girl, a tender blonde, brought him the drink as he settled back on the settee; but now he was no longer withdrawn into a corner. The settee was now the focal point of the room. It was the fat man with his cards and tum-

blers of water that was forgotten now.

"I had no idea you had such gifts!" exclaimed Miss Haver, looking deep into the eyes of Percy Bones. "A proper dark horse, that's what you are," she said.

"You must come along to our New Year's Eve party next week," cried another woman, rather breathlessly, as if afraid this treasure might be snapped up before her eyes.

The blonde just sat and looked at him. Her eyes were dewy, her delicious lips slightly parted with wonder.

"Oh Mr. Bones, you are a one!" she murmured.

Percy Bones woke late in his lodgings the next morning. His head pained him, but the pulse that beat in it was not so much the pulse of a physical malaise as the heady pulse of bliss. Then he remembered. He had become a social success overnight.

With the weak but thankful gait of a convalescent, he tottered out of bed and into his clothes. There was a knock at his bedroom door. Elsie the housemaid entered with a cup of tea.

"I thought you might like a cup of tea, Mr. Bones," she said shyly. "After your late night. And here's a letter for you, Mr. Bones," she said. She watched him open the letter and read it.

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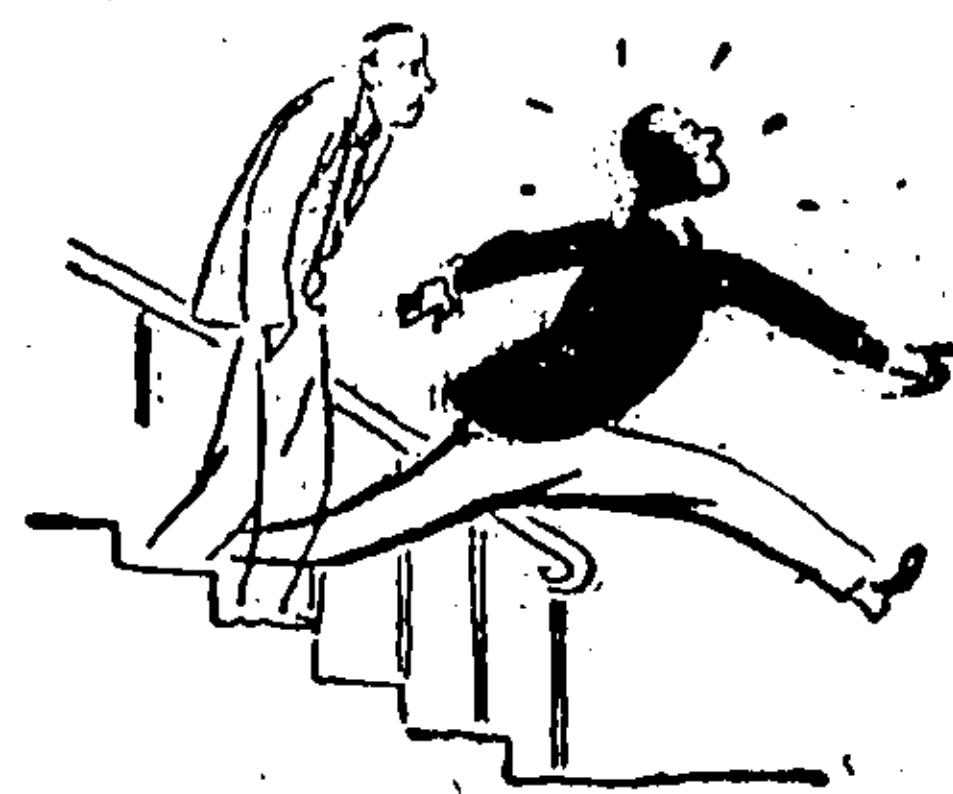
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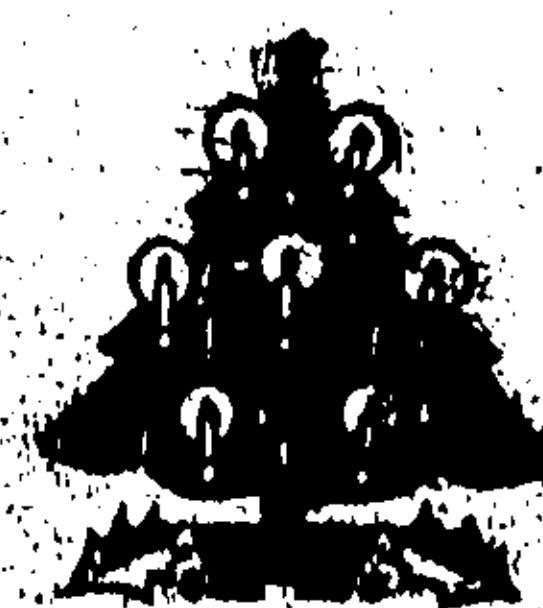
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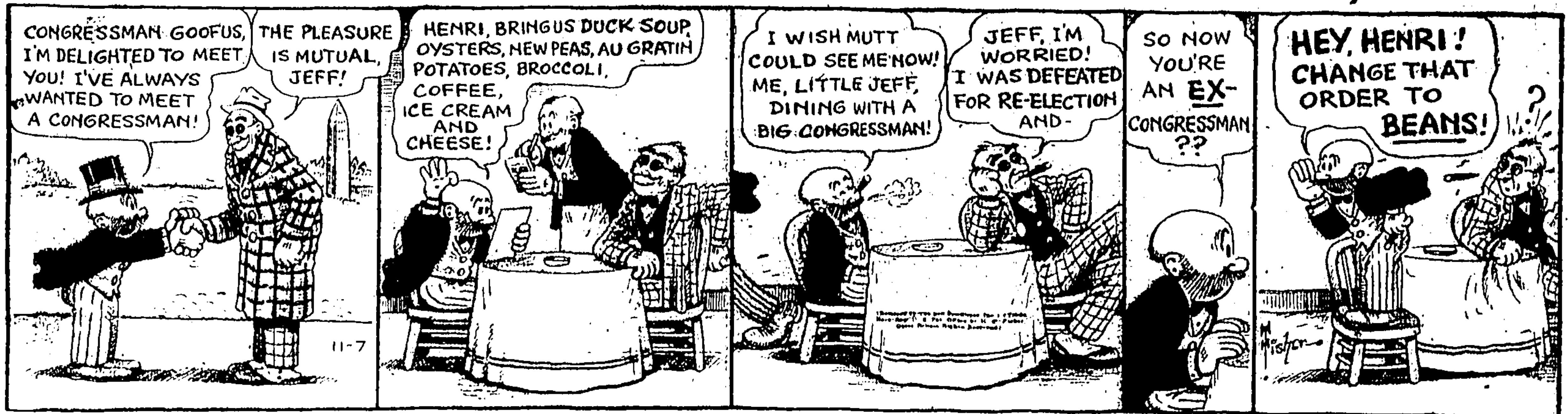
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Key Make-up to Clothes

This year women may wear about anything and be in fashion, for there is such a variety of creations that it is difficult to make any hard and fast rules about choice of materials, fullness of skirts, length of waistline and degree of décolleté. All we are certain about is that all the creations were made with a slender figure in mind so if you keep nicely proportioned you may wear anything that suits your type.

Because of this style dilemma the cosmetic firms have been forced to offer a wide choice of make-up colours. There are the rich, dark reds for lips and nails, with powder to blend nicely, and then there are the brilliant, clear reds, a russet shade or two and an occasional purplish lipstick. Each lipstick, of course, has its companions properly hued—face powder, rouge, nail polish, and eye make-up.

There they are for your selection. The thing to do is to point up your day costumes with one set of make-up which lends a pretty accent to your complete grooming, and then select another set for your more formal clothes, or party clothes.

Test What Colours Do

In town, you most likely will want to wear the newer deeper shades of make-up. Somehow those almost black-reds make eyes look brighter and skin more fair. But they look hoydenish with sports clothes and a natural landscape. Reserve them for your night life in town, or your late afternoon tea dates.

The clear reds, soft true rose, russets and purple make-up are mixed to blend with the colours so popular during late autumn—rich greens, odd browns, inky purples, the already popular Indian Summer, and the new colour horse—midnight blue. But you cannot buy one of these shades at random and expect it to do something for your general ensemble. Take time to test the shade on the back of your hand and look at it in the broad daylight. Artificial light at cosmetic counters are deceiving—if you are going to wear it during daylight hours, look at it in daylight!

Don't Match Skin

Once beauty advisers used to tell you to key your make-up to your skin tone. This is no longer necessary. It is better to key



This youthful belle applies a new soft red shade to her lips because it harmonises so nicely with her soft green outfit.

your make-up to the colours you wear (taking for granted that you select colours to compliment your natural colouring), and then rely on a foundation cream of a shade which will give your skin a tone which will blend beautifully with the make-up harmony you have chosen. Even a light skin lady can appear two shades darker by using a deeper make-up founda-

tion lotion or cream and matching powder to it.

There is fun in making a pretty face these days. No artist had more colours to work with. But I must caution you to apply all make-up artfully so that pretty face of yours will look natural to others even though it has required twenty minutes or ten to make it ravishingly beautiful!

Is Your Scalp Excessively Oily?

Scalp conditions are frequently deceiving. You might think you have a very dry scalp when actually you have an oily condition. For unless the entire length of the hair becomes oily the day after a shampoo one is inclined to think that one's scalp is too dry if the hair is being unmanageable and lacks a healthy lustre. But according to a leading scalp specialist the ends of the hair can be brittle and dry and the scalp itself too oily—so this is how to judge.

If your hair becomes oily near the scalp three days to a week after a shampoo, it is excessively oily. Other indications are dry brittle ends, dandruff, temple hair becoming sparse, and the colour of hair fading. Very, very oily scalps make the entire length of hair greasy looking a day or two after a shampoo.

What To Do About Condition

This specialist warns that the oily scalp should not be shampooed but once in SEVERAL weeks for weekly shampooing only aggravates the condition as it causes the tiny oil glands to become relaxed and spill over on the surface of the hair instead of normally flowing into the hair shaft.

It is suggested that the scalp be kept clean by a special preparation for oily scalp which is astringent and tends to keep the too-relaxed oil glands closed. This is done by parting the hair and

rubbing the scalp with a bit of absorbent cotton wrung out of the special preparation. Thus your head is kept clean between the soap and water shampoos.

Every single day the hair should be brushed—even though that sounds contrary to reason. But the brushing actually does help normalise the condition and it is a mistake to feel that oily hair will be made more oily by brushing.

When the hair is washed one should use another special cleanser which clears the scalp of loosened cuticle before the liquid shampoo is applied. If your scalp is excessively oily you might try this routine: Every three weeks, or once a month, shampoo your hair. Between shampoos keep your head clean as suggested and your hair well brushed. In two months time the condition should be greatly improved.

During those two months you should also refrain from eating fried foods, rich pastries or other sweets, and fatty foods. Drink plenty of fresh water each day, exercise in the open air if possible (otherwise indoors) and get plenty of sleep. Try to dry your hair in the sunshine while you are treating it. Get plenty of sleep, and avoid worry or nervous strain as you would the plague! For overstimulation of the nervous system is one of the known causes for this unfortunate scalp condition which robs any head of its rightful beauty!

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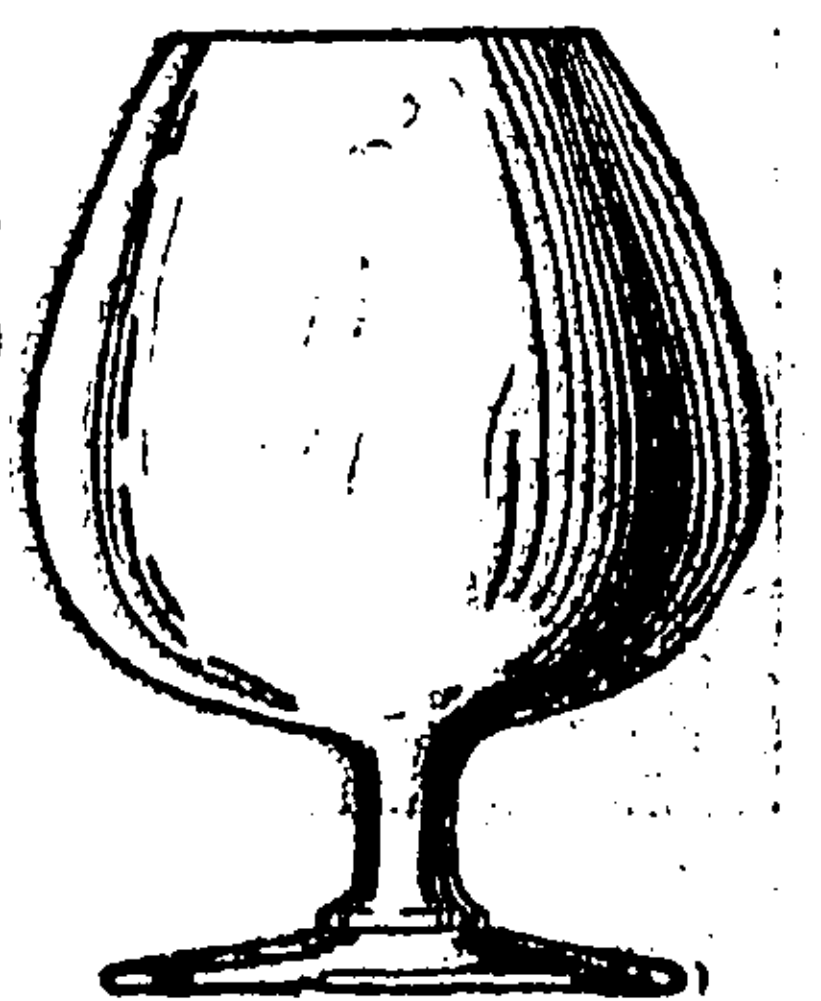
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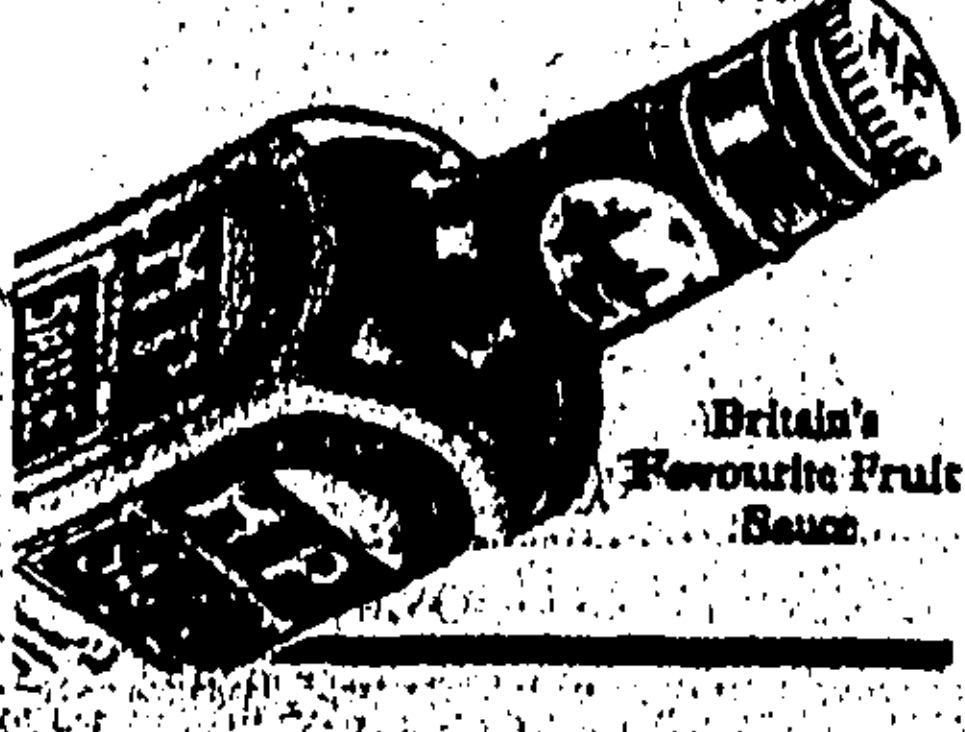


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Gloria Mar, who made two home runs for Wildcats, who lost to Waves in Sunday's softball game.

VISIT TO THE NAZI BOMBERS' GRAVE

PEOPLE WHO find it difficult to credit the staggering successes of the R.A.F. ought to be shown the graveyards of the Nazi aircraft we have destroyed, writes a special correspondent.

I went to one of these graveyards to-day, and the scene was unique. Here lie the remains of enemy bombers which came to shower death on women and children, and were shot down in the process. With them lie crumpled Messerschmidts.

You have to come to a gigantic scrap heap like this to appreciate the bringing down alone of 188 enemy aircraft on one day and 48 on another. Not all of them, of course, reach the dump. Some disappear for ever in the Channel; others are blown to bits; others, again, may come down in places not easily accessible. But the majority come in the end to the dump, to provide solid evidence of the destruction we have wrought.

Stricken Dornier

The colossal accumulation of wreckage speaks for itself. I looked at the big wing of a Dornier, with its black and white cross standing out forlornly.

Nearby were German airscrews that had been twisted into fantastic shapes. Some of the blades even had bullet holes through them.

Smashed fuselages, bits of cowlings, retractable undercarriages, odd wheels and tyres, all figured in a collection of junk which contained a high proportion of sheets of strong metal. It had for the most part been concentrated as if it were tissue paper.

My guide pointed to a rough piece of fused metal resembling a heavy lump of clinker. "That is a common enough sight here," he remarked. "When the machine has caught fire the heat reduces parts of it to a blackened mass." What had once been a beautifully formed radiator is now revealed as a poor shrunken thing with the honeycomb tightly pressed into a solid block.

Daily Addition

As I wandered round, a goods train pulled into the siding about 100 yards away. Each of its long line of open trucks was loaded with a fresh consignment of crashed aeroplanes. These trains arrive so regularly that the giant heaps are added to daily.

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Ingots of this kind have helped to make many new Spitfires and Hurricanes in recent months. And many more will follow.

BOY SAVED FATHER

When an incendiary bomb fell on the bed in which he was sleeping, twelve-year-old Joe Chown, of a south-west village, thought first of his invalid father, who was in the next room.

Having got his father to safety, Joe got a bucket of earth, returned to his bedroom and coolly put out the blazing bed.

"Sparks were flying near my eyes and the glare was terrible, but the earth got the better of it," he told a reporter.

Officers and men and their girl friends were dancing in a roadhouse in the same district when a shower of incendiary bombs rained down.

One fell on the roof of the ballroom, but was safely removed by a naval officer guest. The dancers were unaware of what had happened.

THREE INDO-CHINA TOWNS BOMBED

In retaliation for French attacks the Thai air force has bombed Vientiana, Savannakhet, Sisophon and Siemreap, in Indo-China, according to a communique issued in Bangkok yesterday.

Bangkok radio announced that three important towns in the province of Cambodia were heavily bombed.—Reuter

SOLDIERS CHARGED

Seven men of the Royal Norfolk Regiment were charged on remand at Epsom with stealing property from houses said to have been damaged by aerial bombardment.

Major Fitzgerald handed in a letter from the commanding officer of the regiment asking that the men should be handed over to the military to be dealt with by general court-martial. Mr. W. H. Chitty, who defended, objected that the men would not be legally represented. Major Fitzgerald said that they would have a fair trial, and although the officer appointed to represent them might not be a legal man, the Judge Advocate would be.

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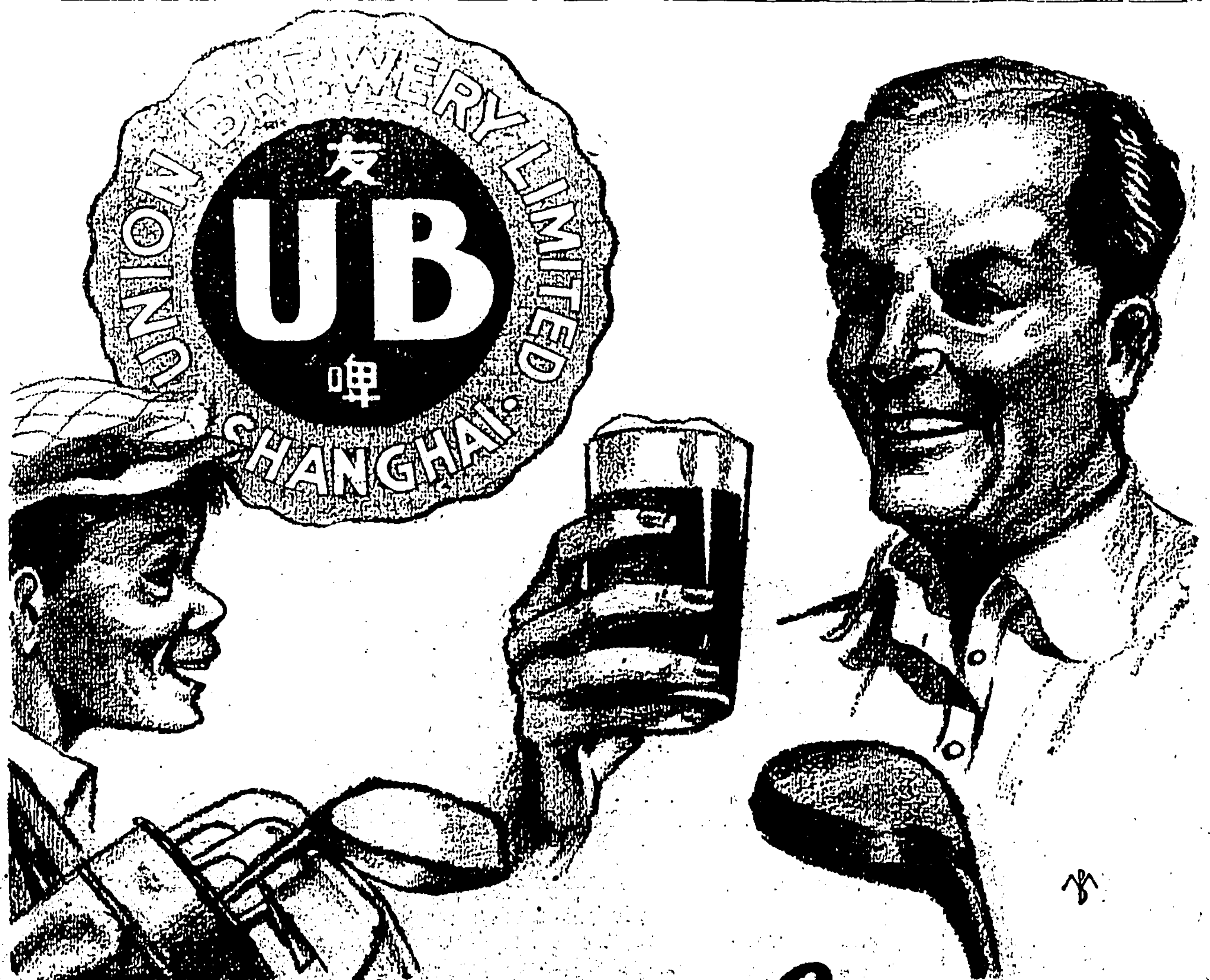
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A public meeting of those interested in the Evacuation Representation Committee will be held at the Peninsula Hotel on FRIDAY, December 27, at 6 p.m., to receive a statement from the Committee in connection with the reply to the Petition submitted on November 22.

F. C. CLEMO,
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BRIDGE NOTES

CRACKING DOWN

By The Four Aces

When you play against optimistic opponents, it's a good idea to wait patiently until they get themselves out on a limb; then crack down on them. In the accompanying hand, East felt sure that his over-aggressive opponents were over their heads because otherwise they'd have bid game instead of stopping short at three hearts. His double, coupled with a fine defence, netted a very handsome sum:

North, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

♠ K 9 8 4			
♥ 5			
♦ K 9 8 7			
♣ A K Q 5			
♠ Q J 10	N	♠ A 7 5 3	
♥ J 6 2	W	♥ A 7 3	
♦ Q 4 2	E	♦ A 10 6 3	
♣ 9 8 6 3	S	♣ J 10	
		♠ 6 2	
		♥ K Q 10 9 8 4	
		♦ J 5	
		♣ 7 4 2	

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
10	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl.	Pass	Pass
Pass			

West opened the Queen of spades, holding the trick. The suit was continued, and South ruffed the third round. Declarer led a

club to dummy's

Queen and returned

a trump. East

ducked, and South

won with the heart

King. For lack of

any thing better,

South then led two

more rounds of

clubs, East ruffing

the third round with his low

trump.

East then laid down the Ace of spades, and South decided to discard a diamond rather than ruff. West also discarded a diamond, where-upon East promptly cashed the Ace of diamonds and led another diamond for South to ruff. Declarer returned a low trump, allowing East to win with the trump Ace; and then another diamond lead made it impossible for South to shut out West's Jack of hearts. In all, South won only six tricks, for an 800-point set.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ Q 8 6
♥ J 7
♦ K 10 8 6
♣ Q 8 7

The bidding:

Schenken	Jacoby	You	Malen
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♠	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid two no-trump. Your partner's "reverse" bidding indicates a hand substantially stronger than a minimum opening bid; and with your supporting strength a game is not too much to hope for.

Score 100% for two no-trump, 20% for three hearts, 10% for pass.

Question No. 594

To-day you are Merwin Malen's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ 9 7 6 4
♥ J 7
♦ K 10 8 6
♣ K 8 7

The bidding:

Malen	Schenken	You	Jacoby
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♠	Pass	(?)	

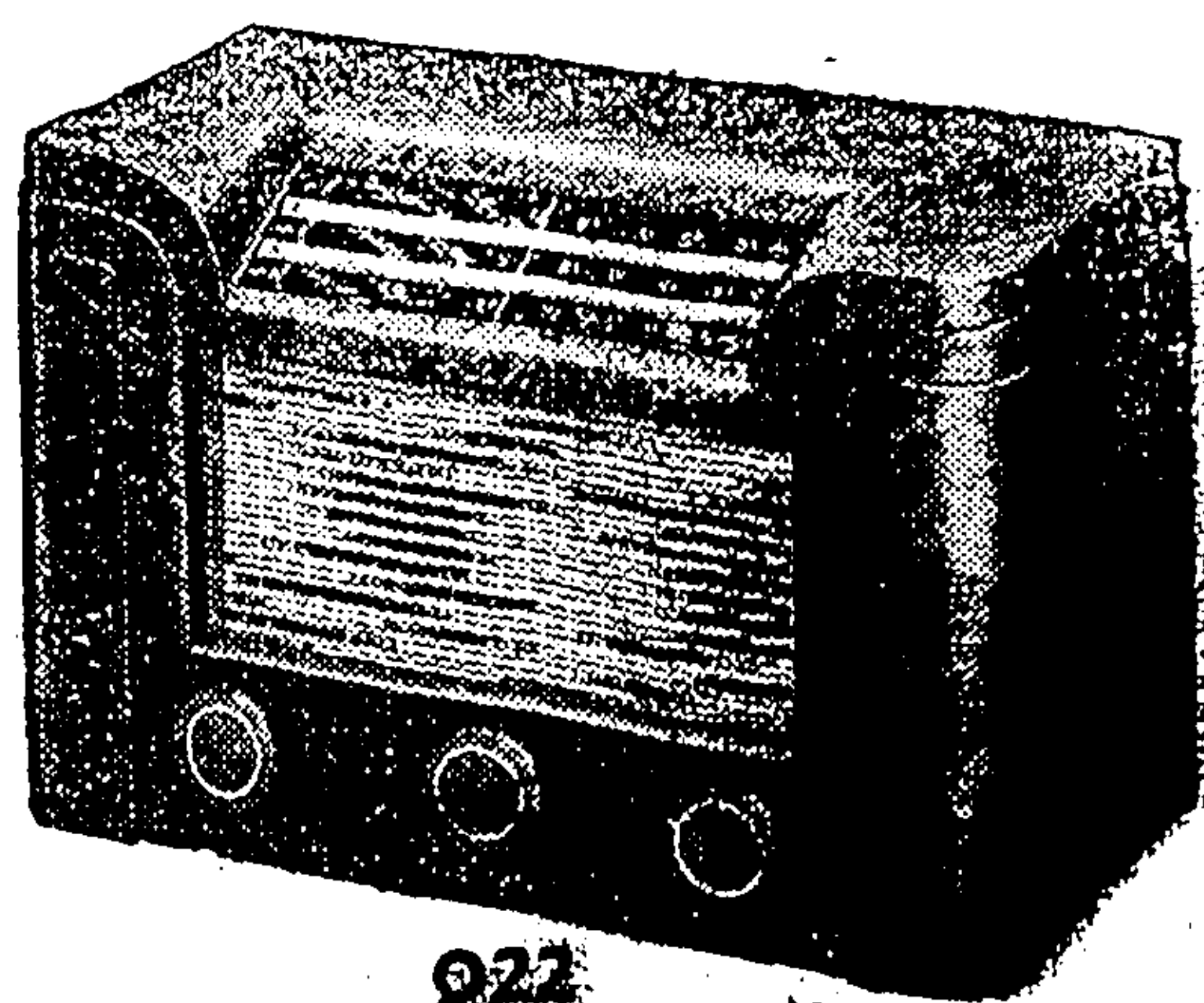
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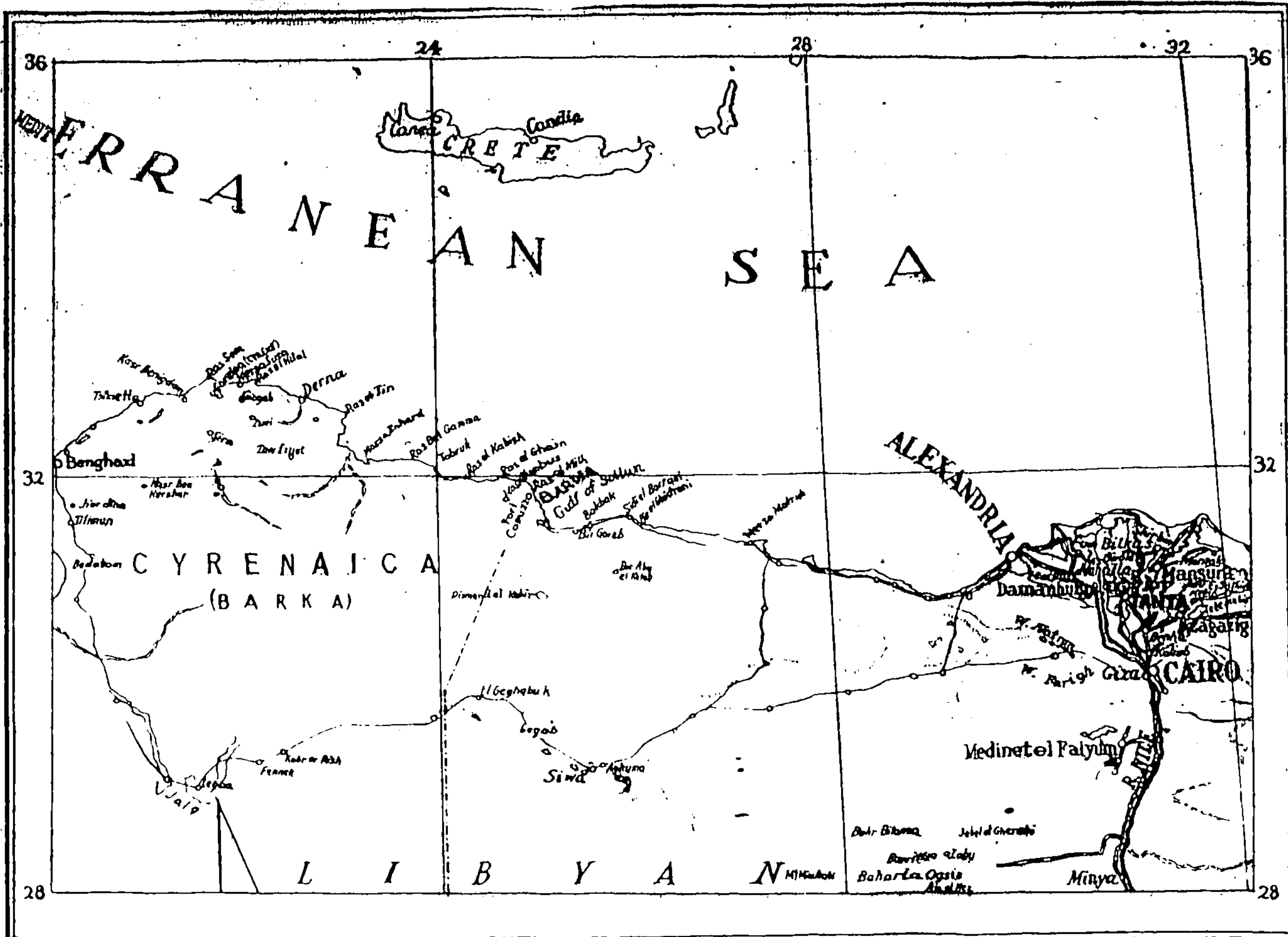
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Big Prices At Pony Auction

Big prices were paid for ponies at an auction at the Jockey Club yesterday. Pumpernickel, a 1939 Australian, of 14.2 hands, was sold for \$1,500 to Mr. T. K. Tseng, the bidding starting at \$500, and 'Attacking Time', a 1940 Griffin, of 14 hands, to Mr. Y. T. Hsu for \$1,000.

Geordie, 1939 Sub. Griffin; King Kong, 1939 Sub. Griffin; A Great Time, 1937 Australian; Just In Time, 1938 Griffin; Red Feather, 1937 Griffin; Smiling Time, 1939 Sub. Griffin; Expression Time; English Cavalier, 1939 Griffin; Blue Express, 1939 Griffin; Rose Perfect, 1940 Griffin and an Australian 1941 Subscription pony No. 27 were withdrawn.

Sales were:
Southern Star, 1939 Australian, 14.1.
V. V. Needa \$5;
Grand Allegiance, 1940 Australian, 14.2, B. Agafuroff \$145;
Royal Highness, 1938 Griffin, 14.0, S. L. Yuen \$155;
Kut Cheung, 1939 Sub. Griffin, 13.2, V. V. Needa \$25;
Princess Clara, 1940 Australian, 14.2, Lo Kwong-to \$250;
Matador, 1939 Sub. Griffin, 14.1, L. B. Chao \$80;
Laughing Girl, 1936 Griffin, 14.0, V. V. Needa \$90;
King's Envoy, 1939 Sub. Griffin, 14.0, S. W. Lee \$140;
National Honour, 1939 Sub. Griffin, 14.0, V. V. Needa \$55;
Pall Mall, 1939 Sub. Griffin, 14.0, W. H. S. Davis \$85;
Fai Ying, 1938 Sub. Griffin, 14.0, V. V. Needa \$25;
Lancashire Lass, 1938 Griffin, 14.1, Y. T. Hsu \$450;
Violet Queen, 1936 Australian, 14.2, T. C. Yuen \$105;
Lancashire Boy, 1938 Griffin, 13.3, V. V. Needa \$10;
Willimilly, 1939 Sub. Griffin, 13.3, R. C. Chiu \$110;

Spring Shine, 1940, Australian, 14.2, T. W. L. \$720;
Attacking Time, 1940 Griffin, 14.0, Y. T. Hsu \$1,000;
Commencement Day, 1937 Griffin, 14.1, Sheun Cheung-fook, 14.1, \$35;
Good Morning, 1937 Griffin, 14.1, W. H. S. Davis \$95;
Pumelo, 1940 Australian, 14.2, T. L. Tseng \$140; Pumpernickel, 1939 Australian, Bay, 14.2, T. L. Tseng \$1,500;
Half-Moon Eve, 1938 Griffin, 14.1, Sheun Cheung-fook \$150;
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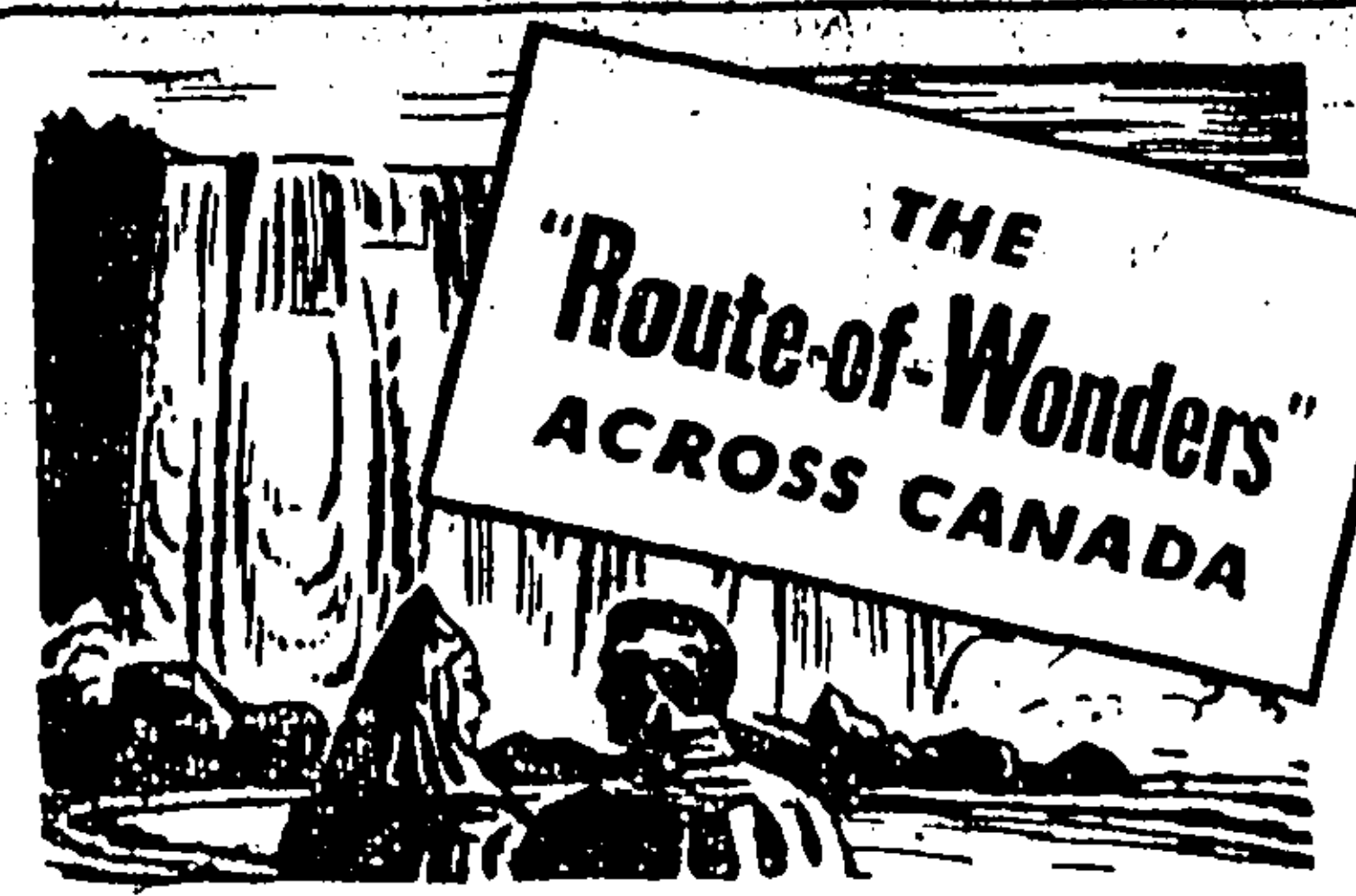
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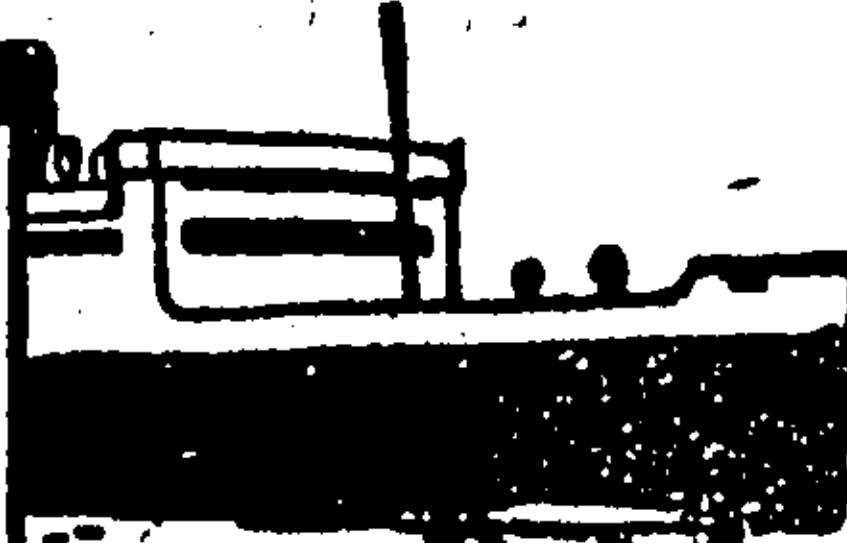
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1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Dance Music by the B.B.C. Dance Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Charles Kullman (Tenor) and Albert Sandler and His Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 p.m.—Dance Music by Henry Jacques and His Correct Dance Tempo Orchestra.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Variety Programme, with Primo Scala's Accordion Band, Grace Fields, Arthur Riscoe, Azarola, Stanley Holloway, Jack, Warner, Al Bollington, Leslie Sarony, and The Mills Brothers.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

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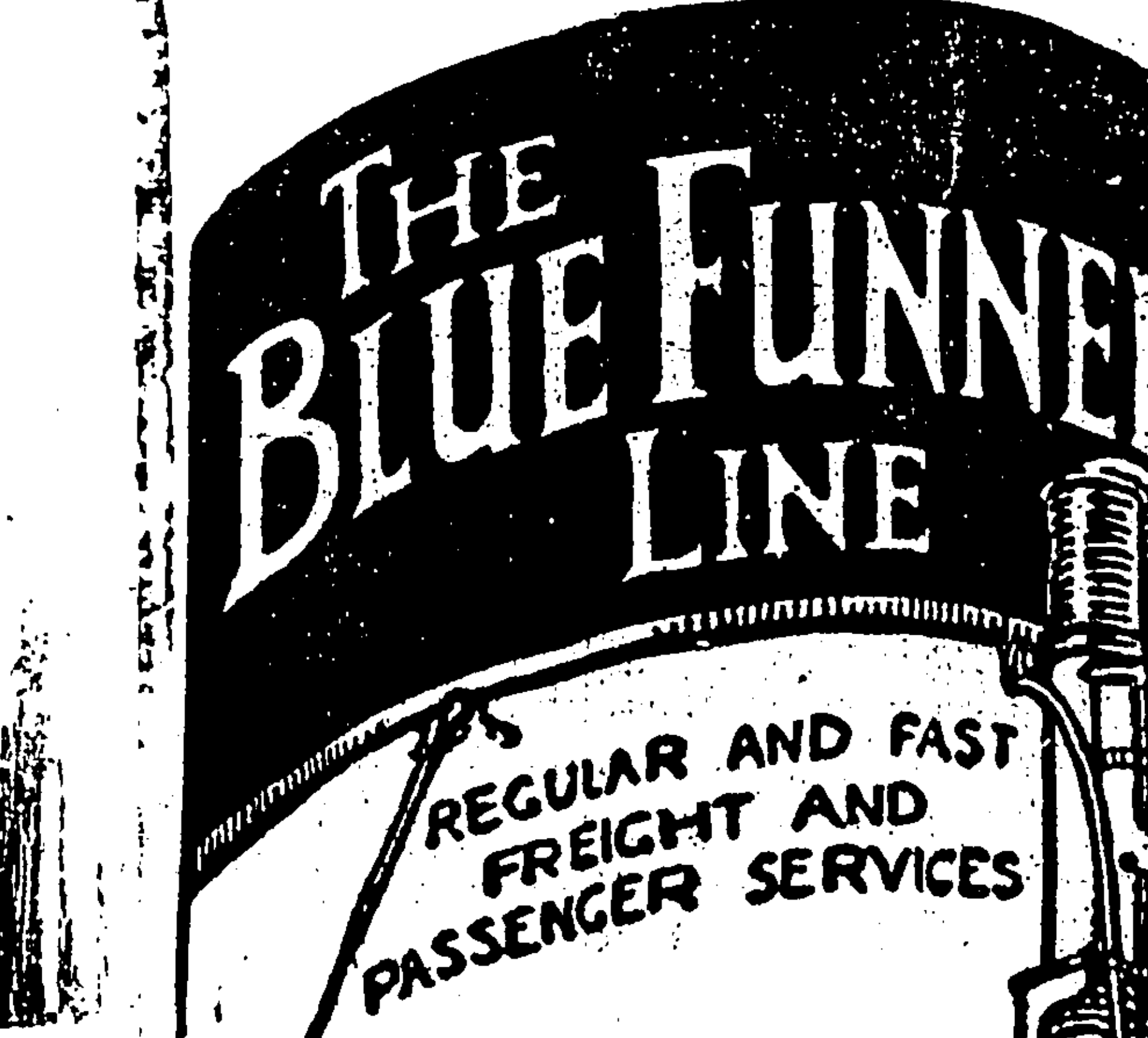
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Post-Summer Racing Review

Marber Stables Head List Of Successful Owners

Donald Black Proves A Worthy Champion Jockey

By "Rapier"

THE THIRTEENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING, HELD ON SATURDAY, WRUNG DOWN THE CURTAIN ON RACING AT THE VALLEY FOR 1940. IT WAS A FITTING CLIMAX TO A VERY SUCCESSFUL AND MOST ENJOYABLE YEAR.

In reviewing racing activity following the summer recess, one cannot but be impressed with the part the weather has played in almost every meeting. Ideal conditions prevailed throughout and this in itself was responsible to a great extent for the increased attendances, and cash sweeps naturally benefitted, most of the prizes being extraordinarily good.

The grass track was returned during the Summer vacation and the going on the whole was most satisfactory.

The officials of Hong Kong Jockey Club were again tireless in their efforts to cater for the comfort of their members and the public and in this connection the members' pari-mutuel counters were moved to the middle of the building and the wall, formerly behind the counters, pulled down in order to give more room. A new "Daily Double" counter to save the inconvenience of members having to cross over to the public stands for the purchase of these tickets was also installed.

Marber and Marber I combined were the most successful stables with 11 wins, followed by Messrs. Li Po-chun and T. K. L. with 9 wins each.

H.E.'s Interest

Since his arrival in the Colony, His Excellency Lieut.-General E. F. Norton, the Acting Governor, has shown great interest in racing and has attended several of the meetings, and I hope one day to see his colours at the Valley.

Turning now to the jockeys, Mr. Donald Black is to be congratulated on having again attained the coveted honour of being champion jockey.

He last attained this position in 1936. He had 37 firsts, 13 seconds and 20 thirds to his credit, with 84 unplaced outings. His championship title was assured after the Eleventh Extra Meeting when he scored four winners in the afternoon.

Mr. Chao was second with 31 wins, 24 seconds and 19 thirds, while Mr. Wei was third with 24 wins, 16 seconds and 19 thirds.

Commander D. H. S. Craven made his debut on the local course at the Eighth Extra Meeting and broke his duck when he piloted Eve of Hunting to win the Hunan Handicap (first section) on the second day of the meeting.

He then went on to win again in the Langholm Handicap on Cheerful Star. If he stays here long enough he will become more accustomed to the course and should then be a force to be reckoned with on Australian ponies, on which he is already quite adept.

Mr. Treverton Graduates

Mr. G. Treverton graduated from the Novice Class on the commencement of the second half of the season when he brought in Strathbannock to a surprise win in the Island Bay Handicap (second section) and paid \$492.60 for a win.

Mr. Eric Moller's son, Mr. "Boohe" Moller, did not come down this year from Shanghai for the Hong Kong St. Leger, a trip which he has specially made in the last two years. This was probably due to the death of his father's pony, Satinlight, winner of the Hong Kong Derby in record time of 2.50-4/5 secs. Satinlight died of colic last June and although Mr. Moller, sr., still possesses Racylight and Spiclight, he must have judged that neither of them would have much chance.

Messrs. Davis, Sung and Needa were the most successful jockeys in the classic events, the former taking two and the others one each.

A Record

Only one new record was established in the second half of the season, this being accomplished by Confusion Bay, belonging to Mr. T. K. Li An, the Hong Kong

Autumn Champions over the 1 1/4 miles distance, when it beat Burford the champion pony. The race was fought out at a terrific pace with the result that the record was lowered by two-fifths of a second. It was indeed a meritorious achievement and Mr. S. L. Sung, the jockey, deserves credit for the very able manner in which he handled his mount.

New Griffins

Among the China ponies, griffins of this year, one cannot be too enthusiastic as, due to unforeseen circumstances, one after the other of the top-notchers either died or went lame during the second half of the season.

When the Hong Kong St. Leger came along only two ponies, O-Lan and Dupont Bay, faced the starter.

Although it did not start in the Hong Kong St. Leger on account of last-minute lameness, on the strength of its second placing in the Hong Kong Autumn Champions on Saturday, Burford must still be regarded as the best during the second half as it beat O-Lan, the Hong Kong St. Leger winner, by half a length.

The next best pony in line of merit is undoubtedly O-Lan, which, as stated above, won the Hong Kong St. Leger and then came in third to Burford in the Autumn Champions. Craigavad must be regarded as next on the list on account of its win in the Gretna Green Handicap for "A" class ponies over six furlongs in record time. This record is unofficial, however, as the pony raced under weight for inches.

Dupont Bay did quite well to win the Hong Kong Griffins Cup and then come in second to O-Lan and Craigavad in the Hong Kong St. Leger and the Gretna Green Handicap respectively, losing on both occasions by the narrowest margin.

Distinctive Time and Resisting Time, both belonging to Mr. Li Po-chun, each had a win to its credit, the former in the Double Tenth Plate, and the latter in the Island Bay Handicap (first section).

Thirty Six, belonging to Numerals, won the Kwangtung Handicap for "C" class ponies at the Ninth Extra Meeting carrying 168 lb. and gave the lucky holder of ticket No. 265429, in the special dollar sweep, the handsome prize of \$168,112.00.

Blue Gate, belonging to Mr. Hung, did not race at the Annual Meeting and failed in the first half of the season, but it improved rapidly after the Summer recess

and won the Copshawholm Handicap (first section). Mr. Hung is unfortunate as this pony which obviously had a great future before it, has been declared over-height by the Official Measure and will be barred for racing next year.

Kentucky, belonging to Mr. C. F. Chiu, did not race at the Annual Meeting; it foaled during the summer recess and, on recovering, took part in the Norfolk Handicap, a race for novice jockeys, which it won with effortless ease to be immediately promoted to "B" class.

This pony should do well in the future as it is quite young.

Hillsboro Bay, after winning the Yunnan Handicap (first section) over the two-mile post, was not regarded as a long distance pony, but it almost sprung a surprise in the St. Andrew's Stakes over the Derby distance, only losing to Galaxy, the winner, by a short head. Jane Doe, failing in every race in which it participated, confounded its critics by winning the Copshawholm Handicap (second section) when ridden by Mr. S. W. Tang over the Champions distance to pay \$108.20 for a winning ticket.

Victoria, ridden by Mr. Pih, failed in the Island Bay Handicap (second section) but redeemed itself in the Yunnan Handicap (second section) which it won easily. In the Kwangtung Handicap, however, it was made firm favourite but could only finish second to Thirty Six.

Eve of Hunting (Mr. Craven), Hughber (Mr. Chao), Eve of Dancing (Mr. Wood) and Gay Star (Mr. Hearne) were other ponies of this season with wins to their credit.

New Australian Ponies

Sapper is undisputedly the best of the new Australian subscription ponies of this season. It won the Fremantle St. Leger and then went on to win the Queensland Autumn Champions.

Next to Sapper comes Far View which, although unplaced in the Fremantle St. Leger, had the better of Sapper in the Diamond Bay Handicap over the mile. Over short distances it is hard to beat.

Amicus Curiae did not have a win to its credit but should be judged third on its second placing to Sapper in the Fremantle St. Leger and a couple of other placings.

It will bear watching at the Annual Meeting over medium distances as it has improved. Viceroy has had two wins—the Vacluse Handicap for "B" class and the New South Wales Handicap for "A" class—and was third in the Queensland Autumn Champions. Under Mr. Black it should register further wins.

Income Tax also had two successes, its first when ridden by Mr. Wei in the Gosford Handicap when it dead-heated with Brown Derby in the "C" class, and the

other in the Nullah Nullah Handicap (first section) with Mr. Tao up, when it paid the second biggest dividend of the year, \$338.30.

Brown Derby, belonging to Co-coa, must be regarded as one of the most improved ponies as it won the Gosford Handicap in a dead-heat with Income Tax, in the "C" class, and later, carrying 162 lb., won the Katoomba Handicap, also in "C" Class. Promoted to "B" class it dead-heated for the first place with Pumpnickel in the Nullah Nullah Handicap (second section), and then won the New Bridge Handicap (first section) from the five furlongs post, confounding the racing public and paying \$77.70 for a winning ticket.

It was promptly promoted to "A" class and, although it appeared in the Jeddart Handicap over the mile, it was unplaced.

Cheerful Star, belonging to E. S. K., had two wins, the first in the Ballarat Handicap with Mr. Tao up and the second in the Langholm Handicap when ridden by Mr. Craven. This pony appears to have a great future ahead even if promoted to "B" class.

Piccadilly Jim, when owned by Winner, did not do as well as expected, but immediately the Lee Bros. took it over for \$1,500.00, it proved itself a long-distance racer, won the Queensland Handicap for "C" class and then went on to win the Canobie Lea Handicap for "B" class, both over two miles, the successful jockey on both occasions being Mr. Chao. This pony will be keenly watched when pitted against the best in "A" class over this distance.

Australian Diamond, after winning the Australian Ponies Autumn Plate over the Champions

distance with Mr. Wei up, did not score again although made hot favourite in the Jeddart Handicap when it was unplaced, and Catterick Bridge, which was discarded by the Dynasty Stable, was bought by Mr. C. L. Gregory at the Public Auction and scored its first win in the Queenscliff Handicap for "D" class.

Warrego River, under Mr. Black, had two wins to its credit.

Other ponies that have won once are Springhurst (Mr. Poy), Venus Bay (Mr. Needa), A Green Time (Mr. Proulx), Shuttlecock (Mr. Black), Maple Star (Mr. Yeung Wing-kwal) and Quick Despatch (Mr. Black).

Old Australian Ponies

Among the old Australian Subscription ponies I consider Baffin Bay the best on the strength of its win over the mile in the Jeddart Handicap for "A" class ponies that had not won \$3,500, and its second placing to Sapper in the Queensland Autumn Champions.

Regarded as a long distance pony it disappointed badly when, as second favourite in the New South Wales Handicap from the two mile post, it ran unplaced.

Lancashire Chips must be regarded as the second best although it had not a win to its credit. It was placed four times and was very unlucky not to win the Jeddart Handicap when ridden by Mr. Treverton, losing to Baffin Bay by a short head.

Pumpnickel (Mr. Proulx) dead-heated with Brown Derby for the first position in the Nullah Nullah Handicap (second section)

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RACING

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for "B" class over the mile and was instrumental for a record "Daily Double" dividend of \$7,572.00. This pony led all round but, at the critical stage of the race, Mr. Proulx, the jockey, looked backward and by so doing gave Mr. Black, who was on Brown Derby, an opportunity of dead-heating.

Had it won, the single ticket-holder of this "Double" would have been richer by a further \$7,572.00.

Criffel, after having remained quiet for quite a long while, came into the picture by winning the New Bridge Handicap (second section) from the 1½-mile post, beating Contact with Mr. Needa up by a short head, and then going on to win the Dilatory Handicap over the mile by a short-head from Vixen Tor, Mr. Davis up; on both occasions it was ridden by Mr. Black.

(This article will be concluded to-morrow.)

D.B.S. BEAT MEDICALS

Playing at Home yesterday Diocesan Boys' School beat Royal Army Medical Corps by 7 wickets in a friendly cricket game.

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The proceeds will be in aid of the Chinese National Women's Relief Association and the Interport has been arranged by the Hong Kong Chinese Table Tennis Association.

There will be a total of 14 games during the two-day programme, including seven for ladies, which will be contested to-night, with the men's matches to-morrow, both series commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Previous to the matches spectators will be entertained with Chinese music, dances and Chinese boxing, following which the ladies' series will start.

The following are the selected teams:—

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Hong Kong:—Yeung Wai-bun (Capt.), Lee Kai-ying, Chiu Kun-sum, Wong Oi-lan, So Yin-ying, Mok Wun-king, Lo Shiu-ting, Leung Chiu-kit, Lo Chiu-yim and Tsang Kwai-fong.

MEN'S

Macao:—Yeung Kam-chan, Cheng Kwok-wing, Luk Na-wu, Wong Wing-nin, Wong Wing-on, Leung Man-wun, Wu Kam-ying, Kwok Kwun-ying, Kwun Wing-po and Chen Shu-chung.

Hong Kong:—Lung Chak-fai, Li Chun-hang, Lo Kwai-sang, Wong Yip-sang, Wu Wing-shong, Yung King-wan, Li Cha-chiu, Lau Sik-shong, Chau Chan-kau and Luk Kwok-chu.

CHESS RESULTS

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ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADY"

TWO games in the Small Units Rugby Leagues were played at Sookunpoo on Tuesday—between Royal Scots 'B' and R.A.S.C., and Middlesex and Hong Kong Signals Company.

Royals are still one point ahead of Middlesex in the League, which will be decided when they meet in the near future.

The Royals beat Royal Army Service Corps by three tries (nine points) to nil after leading by six points at the interval. Bateman opened the scoring for the Scots, followed by Sims with a second try, and late in the second half Mackenzie scored the third. All tries were unconverted.

Middlesex beat Signals by two tries (six points) to nil. Capt. Man scored the Middlesex' first unconverted try, and Lieut. Hancock scored their second a few minutes from the end of the game.

It should be a very good game to watch when Middlesex meet the Royals.

WEDNESDAY brought the end of the Small Units Football Knockout Competition, Headquarters Company of the Middlesex defeating 'D' Company of the Royal Scots by the only goal of the match scored in the last minute.

The Royals were more aggressive than their opponents and were unlucky on many occasions.

The Middlesex scored their goal in the last minute when O'Mahoney first-timed the ball into the net after it had rebounded from the cross-bar from a shot sent in by Pearson.

At the conclusion of the game the General Officer Commanding, Major General A. E. Grasett, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., presented the winners with the Small Units Football Cup, and Cups, and the runners up with silver medals. He also presented the Referee with a Silver Whistle.

The Sappers are still winning in Second Division, and are the only remaining team in all League football not to have lost a game this season.

The Service Corps are the highest goal scorers with 65 goals.

AT King's Park on Monday Middlesex beat the Royal Scots in the Large Units Hockey League by five clear goals.

Middlesex have a strong team this year, and it is a pity that they were unable to enter the Hong Kong Hockey League, which in my opinion they might have won.

Royals were completely outplayed from the start, and the goal scorers were Jackson, Bright, Moggardge, and Sheehan (2). Lieut. Fergus played a brilliant game for the Scots.

IN the first round of the Artillery Polo Cup, Middlesex were beaten by the Islanders by four goals to one.

The Middlesex polo team this year is having bad luck, and does not seem to be able to get going in any of the tournaments.

The Islanders started strongly and scored two goals in the first chukker through Major Hunt and Colonel Way.

In the second chukker Lieut. Hancock reduced the score, but the Islanders continued to dominate the play and scored two further goals through J. K. Bousfield.

Middlesex Regt.—Capt. T. W. Chattey, Capt. W. H. Chattey, Lieut. Hancock, and Capt. Fishbourne.

Islanders.—Major Hunt, Colonel Way, L. A. Lewis, and J. K. Bousfield.

To-day the Topkhamas will meet the Stooges at 4.30 p.m., the teams being:—Topkhamas—Capt. Munro, Major Trevor, Major Duncan, and Lieut. Fielden.

Stooges—Major Penfold, Capt. Atkinson, Major Fisher, and Lieut. B. R. Smith.

IN a friendly game at C.B.S. on Wednesday the Signals beat R.A.P.C. by one wicket.

The batting on both sides was not up to expectations and Chalcraft of the Pay Corps and Pitcher of the Signals were the only two to make a decent showing.

Chalcraft made 28 runs for the Pay Corps, and Cpl. Ingleby took seven wickets for 20 runs for the same team.

Pitcher made 31 runs for the Signals, and Dixon took 6 wickets for 29 runs, assisted by Murphy who took 4 wickets for 35 runs.

Some excellent bowling by Ingleby nearly won the game for the Corps. Ingleby returned an analysis of 7 for 20 in nine overs, including three maidens.

HENRY ARMSTRONG AWARDED

Henry Armstrong, the muscular negro who once held three world boxing titles simultaneously—the only man in history to achieve such a feat—and who recently lost his sole remaining championship, was given the Edward J. Neil award for being the outstanding contributor to boxing during the year.

The Boxing Writers Association also recognised Little Dado, Filipino scrapper, as the world fly-weight champion, with another Filipino, Little Pancho, and Manuel Ortiz as the leading challengers. Little Dado also is recognised as the champion by the National Boxing Association.

The boxing writers also ruled that Harry Jaffra is the feather-weight titleholder and rated young Billy Conn, light-heavy-weight champion, and Max Baer, former world heavyweight titleholder, as the leading challengers in the division presided by Joe Louis.



CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH

A charity football match in aid of Christmas comforts for Chinese inmates of the various hospitals will be held at 10.30 a.m. on December 22 on the Hong Kong Football Club ground, when the Health Division of the Medical Department will meet the Hospital Division.

There will be no fixed admission charge, but contributions will be gratefully received. The teams will be as follows:

Health Division.—Wong Wing-sum; E. J. Whitgob and E. T. Harris; M. E. Purvis, V. M. Benwell and Chung Wing-kwong; Dr. C. I. Shaw, R. A. J. Simpson, A. W. Fowler, A. W. Mackenzie and Leung Tak-wai. Reserves: E. D. Robbins and J. G. Hooper.

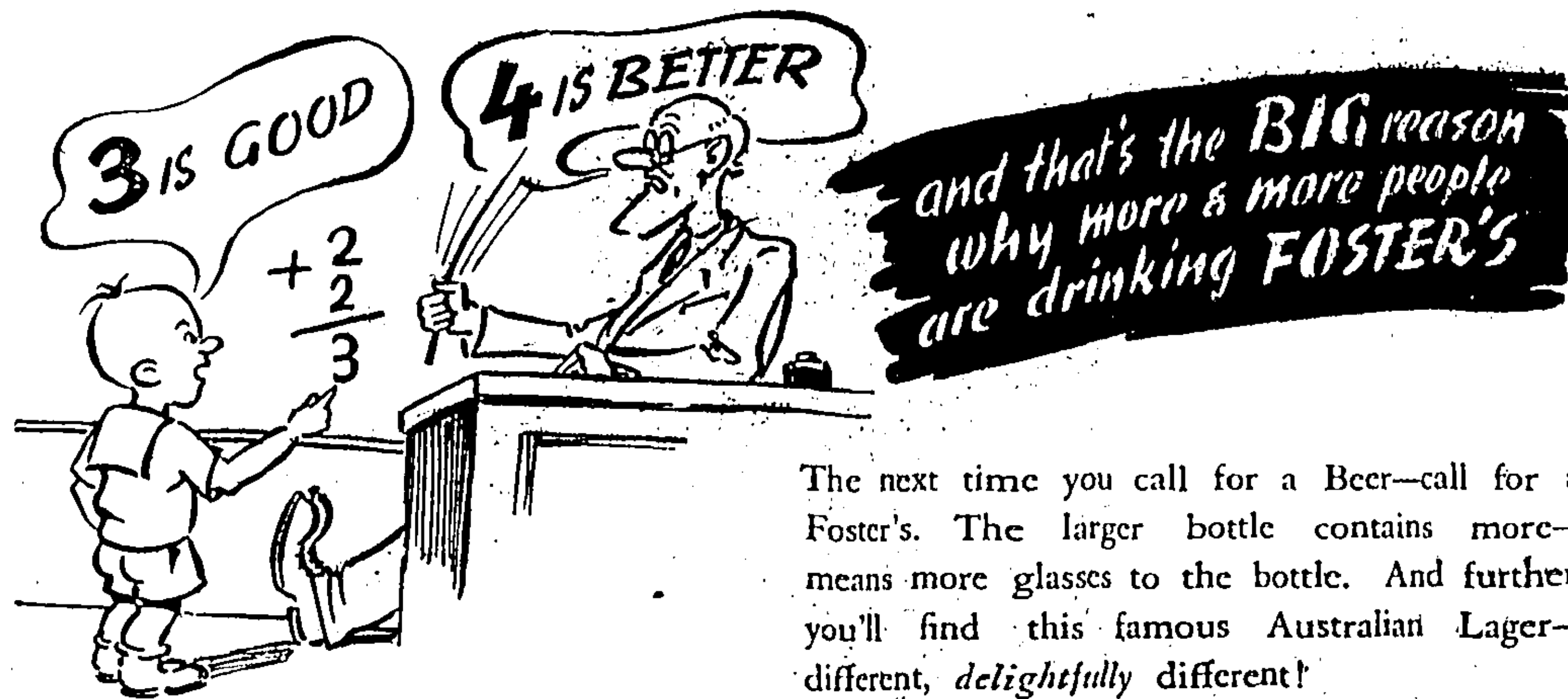
Hospital Division.—F. Angus; Dr. D. J. Valentine and K. I. Lau; G. Yu, J. Skinner and Y. Leung; T. Pile, W. K. Lau, E. Hopkinson, L. H. Li and M. J. Zammon. Reserves: C. Haynes, Y. Hassan, W. Type, K. H. Pang, and S. Cheung. Referee: J. F. McGowan.

PORTUGAL XI FOR CHARITY

Portugal's team, against England in the "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup Competition to be played on December 26, will be selected from the following:

U. B. Souza (International), D. Dames (St. Joseph's), A. V. Gosano (Kwong Wah), B. T. Gosano (Kwong Wah), C. F. Remedios (Kwong Wah), J. Pereira (Kwong Wah), D. D'Aquino (International), V. Marques (International), R. Rocha (International), H. Campos (International), G. Gosano (International), R. Maxwell (Kowloon), C. Santos (St. Joseph's), J. Gomes (St. Joseph's), D. Alves (St. Joseph's), A. Alves (St. Joseph's), and G. Fernandes (St. Joseph's).

The final selection will be made at the dressing room on Boxing Day.



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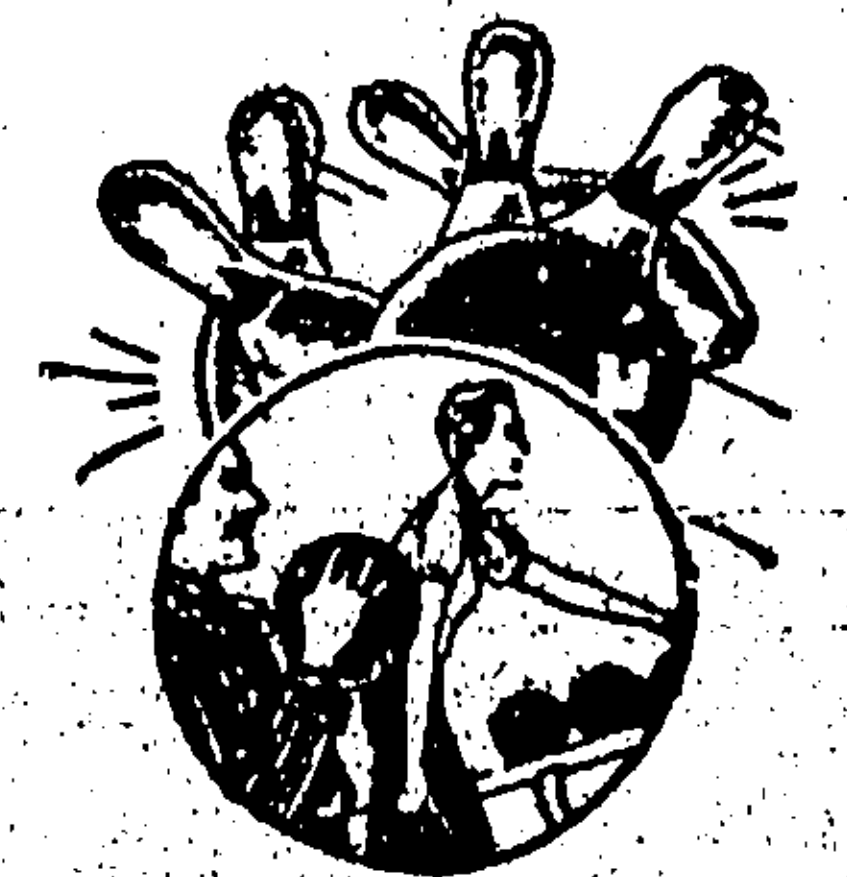
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COMPETITION FOR TULSA'S SHIP'S COMPANY

By "Strike"

The U.S.S. Tulsa having returned to port, a very interesting Duck Pin Competition among the ship's company has been arranged.

Six teams of four players each from the first, second, fourth, fifth and seventh divisions, and one team of officers are competing and several matches have already been played.

Each team plays five three-game matches, and the two teams with the highest aggregate scores will then play off a five-game match to decide the winner. The winning team will receive a carton of Schlitz Beer very kindly presented by Messrs. L. Rondon and Company, Ltd.

The schedule is as follows providing there are no unforeseen circumstances such as duties etc.

Monday, December 16	1st Division v. 2nd Division
4th Division v. 5th Division	
Tuesday, December 17	7th Division v. Officers
1st Division v. 4th Division	
Wednesday, December 18	2nd Division v. 5th Division
7th Division v. 1st Division	
Thursday, December 19	2nd Division v. Officers
4th Division v. 7th Division	
Friday, December 20	1st Division v. Officers
2nd Division v. 4th Division	
Monday, December 23	5th Division v. 1st Division
7th Division v. 2nd Division	
Thursday, December 26	4th Division v. Officers
5th Division v. 7th Division	
Friday, December 27	5th Division v. Officers

The first match of the series was played as per schedule on Monday. It was between First Division and Second Division, and resulted in a win for Second Division by no less than 166 pins, the scores being as follows:

Second Division—1104
First Division—938

Evans of Second Division was easily the top-scorer of the match, with 297, followed closely by Pierce, also of Second Division, with 281.

The remaining players on both sides were mediocre and only averaged from about 75 pins to 88 pins per game. Nevertheless the match produced a good deal of interest and keenness.

The average score per player for Second Division was 92 pins, and for First Division, 78.2 pins per game.

Win For Fifth

The second match of the series was also played on Monday, between the Fourth and Fifth Divisions, Fifth winning by 68 pins. It was expected that the experienced Drewes and Vasko, good Duck Pin bowlers that they are, would lead the Fourth Division to Victory, but they were not at their best.

Score:—

Fifth Division—1,166
Fourth Division—1,097

The star bowler of this match was Borg of Fifth Division with a brilliant 313—the highest score for both matches. His average was slightly over 104 pins per game. He registered two scores of over 100—a 102 in his second game and a useful 116 in his third.

Engle of Fifth Division, with 287, also contributed greatly to his side's victory.

Following Engle closely were Nichoff (also Fifth Division) and Vasko, scoring 285 pins, while Koch of Fifth Division secured 280. Barney and MacLanahan for Fourth Division tied with 274.

Drewes of Fourth Division was evidently not in form, his 264 (lowest score of this match) being well below his usual standard.

Officers Beaten

On Tuesday, there were two further inter-divisional matches played. The first was between Officers and Seventh Division and resulted in a win for Seventh Division by 112 pins.

The scores were as follows:

Seventh Division—1,095
Officers—983

Holden of Seventh Division was the shining light of this match, netting 319, and registering the only scores of over 100. He made 114 in his first game and 112 in his second.

and. Secondary honours were shared between Barnard of the Officers and Bellor of Seventh Division, both netting 263.

I was agreeably impressed with the Officers' attempt, as I understand they have not taken part in Duck Pin matches before, and an average of 82 pins per player is not bad going. I expect them to do better in future matches as they became accustomed to local conditions.

The second match played on Tuesday was between Fourth Division and First Division, and resulted in a win for Fourth Division by 103 pins.

Fourth Division—1,153
First Division—1,050

Vasko of Fourth Division was the outstanding player of the match, making up for his poor effort against Fifth Division.

On this occasion he aggregated 336, the highest individual score thus far in the competition.

This figure was made up of three scores over 100—106 in his first game, 110 in his second and 120 in his third.

Drewes of the same team also did much better in this match than he did previously and registered 290.

The average per player per game for the Fourth Division

worked out at 96.1 pins and, for First Division, 87.5.

The highest aggregate score for a match up to the end of this match is held by Fifth Division with 1165, followed closely by Fourth Division with 1153.

Wednesday's Match

On Wednesday Fifth Division beat Second Division by 110 pins.

Fifth Division—1,146

Second Division—1,036

Koch of Fifth Division was the leading light of this match with a good 305, while his team-mate Peterson was close behind with 292.

On the whole it was quite a good match, the average for the Fifth Division being 95.5 pins per player per game (this is good bowling) and, for Second Division, 26.3, which was also pretty fair. Fifth Division bagged four good scores of over 100, Peterson registering 110 in his first game; Koch 112 in his first and 107 in his second, and Borg 112 in his second game.

There was only one score of 100 or over made by Second Division, this being Evans' 106 in his third game.

Following this match, Seventh Division met First Division and won by the narrow margin of 45 pins.

Seventh Division—1,059
First Division—1,014

There were no really high scores to comment upon during



The Wahoos team which surprised Softball fans on Sunday by their narrow victory over Wildcats.

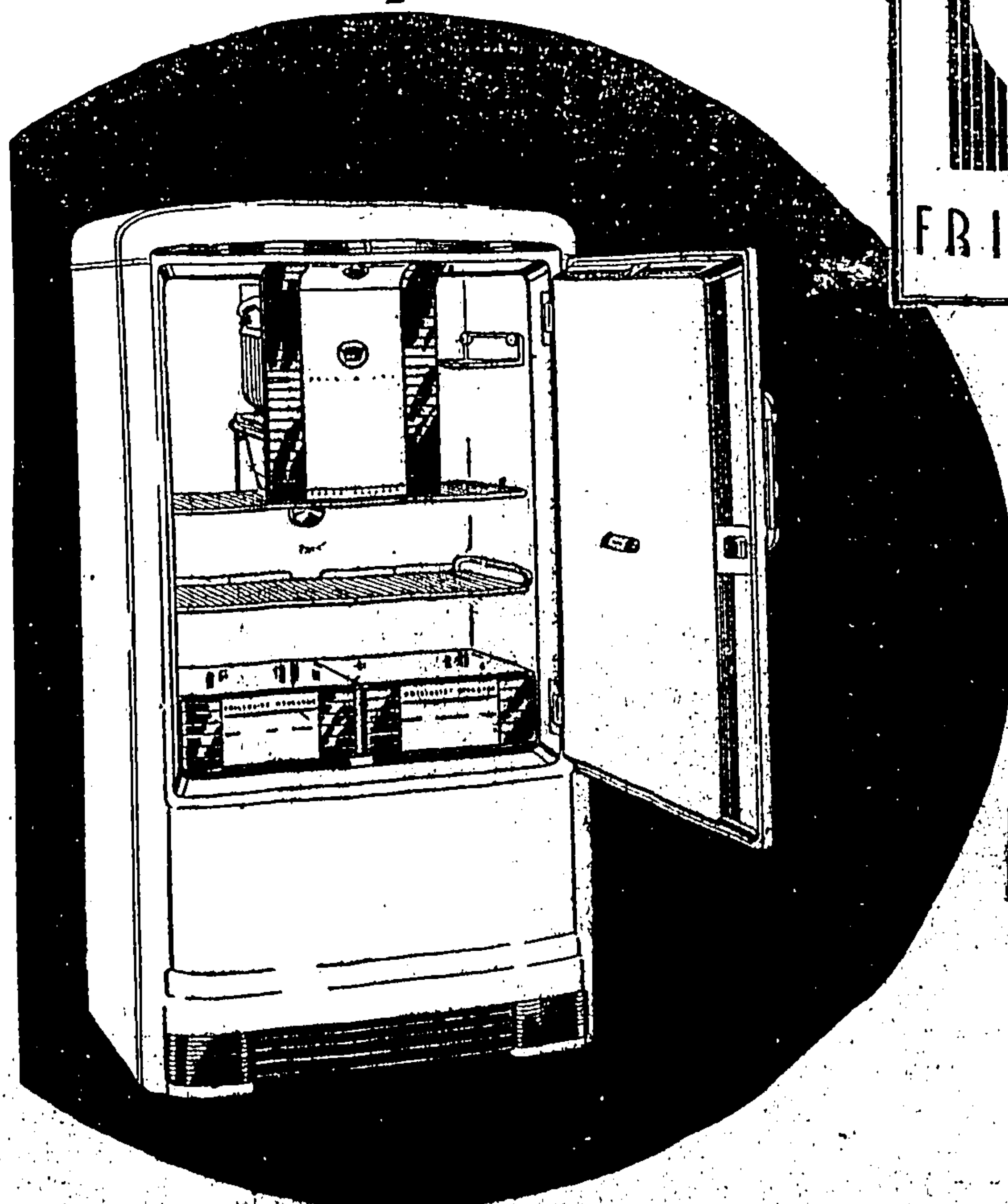
this match, all players being more or less evenly matched. In fact the feature of this match was the comparatively close scores of all players, the lowest being 243 and the highest 269. There was no score of 100 or over although Hofman of Seventh Division almost accomplished this with 99 in his second game.

The average for Seventh Division worked out at 88.25 pins per player per game, and the average for First Division 84.5.

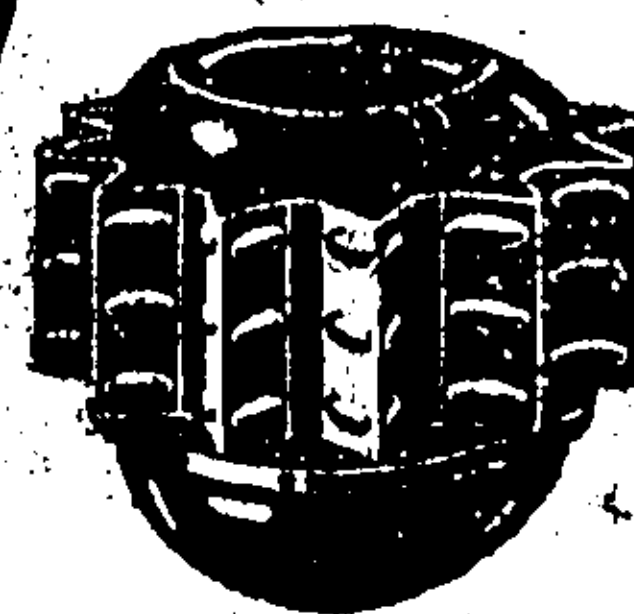
H.K.C.C. TEAM TO MEET K.C.C.

The following will represent the H.K.C.C. 1st XI against the K.C.C. at Chater Road to-morrow at 2 p.m.—T. A. Pearce (Capt.), L. T. Ride, M. F. Haynes, H. Owen Hughes, L. D. Kilbee, Capt. D. C. E. Grose, J. Hsley, W. J. Finnie, D. O. Parsons, D. S. Robb, C. W. E. Bishop.

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SECRET ITALIAN ORDERS TO SUBMARINES

To Sink Certain Spanish Ships Without Warning

Admiralty Disclosure

SECRET ORDERS to Italian submarine commanders to sink certain Spanish merchantships without warning, were revealed by the British Admiralty yesterday.

The order in question was recovered after a successful attack on an Italian submarine and was issued by Admiral of Squadron Mario Falangola and has now been photographed.

A translation of the order reads: "Subject. Attacking merchant ships flying the Spanish flag. Secret: I send herewith a copy of marcosen no. 4087 of the 2nd inst. for your information. (Signed) Sausta Setini, Captain of Corvette."

"Inform units under your command that ships flying the Spanish flag belonging to Ybarra and Pinillos shipping companies, and leaving and coming from Casablanca and sailing towards Lisbon, must be attacked without warning."

Ships' Markings

"Steamers of the Ybarra company have a black funnel with the letters AV interlaced in white. The house flag is black and bears the same monogram in white."

"The Pinillos company has not any particular markings. It appears to own the ships Sil, Alto, Celta, of 2,500 tons, 800 and 1,200 tons respectively."

(Signed) Mario Falangola, Vice-Admiral Commanding Submarines."

According to Lloyd's Shipping Register the Ybarra shipping company of Seville owns 21 ships, and the shipping company Miguel

Martinez de Pinillos of Cadiz, Spain, owns nine ships. — Reuter

18 ITALIAN 'PLANES DESTROYED

THE ITALIAN AERODROME of Benina, near Benghazi — important Italian base on the Libyan coast — was the subject of one of the heaviest raids of the war in the Western Desert on Tuesday night.

Many tons of bombs were dropped and great damage caused to aircraft and buildings, stated a British Air Force communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

The British 'planes arrived in waves and fires started by the first flight increased in each subsequent attack.

Numerous explosions occurred

DANISH SHIPS FOR BRITAIN?

THE WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT OF THE "NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE" SAYS THAT IT IS REPORTED THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL BUY 30 OR MORE DANISH SHIPS AT PRESENT TIED UP IN AMERICAN PORTS AND WILL LEASE THEM TO BRITAIN.

It is also reported that the U. S. Maritime Commission has sold to Britain 16 cargo-ships of nearly 150,000 tons. — Reuter.

STOP PRESS

AN ITALIAN RAIDER WAS CAUGHT IN THE BEAMS OF BRITISH SEARCHLIGHTS IN MALTA AND SHOT DOWN BY NIGHT FIGHTERS IN THE FIRST OF TWO RAIDS ON THE ISLAND ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

An official communique yesterday said two enemy 'planes appeared over the island. Both dropped bombs into the sea and there was no damage and no casualties.

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SUDDEN DEATH OF DR. KALLIO

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As outgoing President, M. Kallio drove through the crowded streets of Helsinki last night, past lines of torch-bearers, on his way to retirement on a farm in the country.

At the station he was received by a guard of honour. As he was passing along its ranks he suddenly collapsed with a heart attack and died soon afterwards.

M. Kallio is replaced as President by the Prime Minister, M. Ryti.

According to the first count of the voting in the electoral college for the new President, M. Ryti received 288 out of 300 votes. — Reuter

Road Bombed

The Bardia-Tobruk road was also bombed but little movement was observed.

British fighter 'planes continue to patrol and cooperate with British ground forces.

A Rhodesian squadron raided enemy aircraft and troops in the Metemma area, while other aircraft attacked Jebel Isrobah, 30 miles north-east of Kassala.

Except for one British 'plane, which failed to return from the bombing of Valona, in Albania, all British 'planes in all other operations returned safely to base. — Reuter.

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PIRELLI WORKS WRECKED

When British heavy bombers raided Milan on Wednesday night a great rectangular fire a quarter of a mile long was left flaring in the Pirelli works, which hold large stocks of rubber and are well-known for the manufacture of motor tyres.

The works are particularly vulnerable to air attacks, says the Air Ministry news service, since they lie between two conspicuous railway systems and can be recognised with comparative ease.

Though the raiding force was not large the attack was remarkably effective.

One pilot said: "Scores of fires started by our incendiaries merged into a huge oblong blaze with explosions continually bursting up through the flames."—Reuter.

IMMENSE BRITISH ORDERS

THE BRITISH PURCHASING MISSION IN WASHINGTON LAST NIGHT BEGAN NEGOTIATING AN IMMENSE NEW \$3,000,000,000 ORDER FOR AMERICAN WAR PLANES, TANKS, GUNS, MUNITIONS AND CARGO SHIPS, PAYMENTS TO BE UNDERWRITTEN BY UNITED STATES TAXPAYERS.

Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of Treasury, said he gave the British the go-ahead signal on President Roosevelt's instructions but the deals will be subject to Congressional approval of the President's lease and lend plan.—International News Service.

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Early Occupation Of Tepelini Certain

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

VICHY REPORTS NAZI DIVISIONS IN ITALY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Authoritative circles in Vichy last night confirmed reports that a number of German divisions have arrived in Italy.

This is the first confirmation of the reports from any source close to the Germans.

—International News Service.

GREEK TROOPS STORMING THE SNOW-CHOKED MOUNTAIN PASSES IN THE SOUTHERN AND CENTRAL SECTIONS OF THE ALBANIAN BATTLE-FRONT LAST NIGHT WERE REPORTED TO HAVE SHATTERED THE MAIN ITALIAN DEFENCE LINE AND TO HAVE REACHED THE OUTSKIRTS OF TEPELENI AFTER FORCING THE EVACUATION OF KLISURA.

The loss of Klisura and the failure of the desperate Italian defence to hold the Greek advance on Tepelini are believed to presage the early collapse of the Italian forces from the Adriatic to the central front.

Klisura and Tepelini protected the eastern end of the vital Chimara-Tepelini-Klisura triangle. Last formidable positions held by Mussolini's legions in southern Albania.

Streets in the captured villages

are reported to be littered with Italian corpses.—International News Service.

General Papagos Confident

"Victory will be ours and it will be the most glorious victory of our history," declares General Papagos, Commander-in-Chief of the Greek Army, in an Order of the Day, according to Athens radio last night.

Addressing his officers and men he says: "All Greece is proud of you and grateful to you, and the

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SEIGE OF BARDIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

At least thirty thousand Italian troops, comprising the bulk of two divisions, are now reported to be completely trapped last night in besieged Bardia by mobile British units that have cut off the last coastal route of retreat westward to Tobruk.

Simultaneously Britain's blitzkrieg counter-invasion in Italian North Africa acquired added force with the official announcement of the virtual destruction of the pivotal Benina aerodrome, in Libya, by R.A.F. bombers.

Continually bombarded from air and sea, Bardia and its fortified environs has become a vast pocket encasing the desperately fighting Italian rearguard-defenders in a steadily closing iron grip after the flanking British push to the Mediterranean coast had cut off all retreat.—International News Service.

WEATHER FORECAST: — East winds, moderate to fresh; cloudy.

LULL BEFORE THE STORM?

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

THERE HAS BEEN A SEEMING LULL IN GERMANY'S WAR EFFORT FOR SOME DAYS PAST AND WHETHER THIS IS THE LULL BEFORE THE STORM, OR AFTER, REMAINS TO BE SEEN.

It must not be overlooked that for fifteen and a half months the Germans have been exerting their strength to the utmost.

They have overrun six countries and are in virtual occupation of two others, Rumania and Slovakia.

In the air they have maintained an almost constant succession of raids by day and night, but this has been slackening both in intensity and duration, possibly owing to the weather.

Only at sea is there an increase. If anything, in German pressure, but German naval activity is confined to U-boat operations with occasional surface attacks by raiders and E-boat formations.

In the diplomatic field the round of visits of Ribbentrop and of various statements has quietly faded out.

Laval Background

German propaganda has ceased talking about momentous surprises in store.

There is an embarrassed silence regarding the background of La-

val's disgrace. With regard to Italy there have been more sympathetic references in the German press to the remarkable powers of recuperation of the Italian armies but beyond emphasising the unity of the Axis, the papers do not allude to material aid.

Lull's Warning

But, as Mr. Churchill stated in his speech yesterday, Hitler waited a long time in complete quiescence before he struck the terrible blows which shattered France.

As the Prime Minister indicated, however, even if Hitler is not letting the grass grow under his feet in the present temporary lull, Britain is no less conscious of her need for a constant increasing effort.—Reuter.

Top news from the field of science this year was the brand new electric refrigerator for home use. Resulting from more than three years of rigid laboratory tests and experiments, the new refrigerator is triple-acting for new-perfect preservation of all types of food.

A product of the extensive laboratories maintained in Philadelphia, Pa., by the Philco Radio and Television Corp., the new device, while no larger than the ordinary present day refrigerator, embodies three types of cold and two distinct refrigeration processes. Three separate compartments in the unit provide three types of storage for dry all-purpose foods, as butter, milk and berries; a second compartment is designed to generate cold for cooked meats and vegetables, retaining their original flavour and essential vitamins. The third compartment is power-driven for quick freezing of meats and is designed for frozen foods and desserts.

Besides the electric freezing unit which operates on Ervon, the most economical and practical of all known refrigerants, the new refrigerator also has an aluminum Moist Cold Shell. This addition is a brand new invention and evolves from a process perfected by Philco technicians. When

dishes of food come in contact with the shell, heat is quickly drawn out and the food is chilled almost immediately. Strangely, too, the more dishes placed on the shelf, the faster it works.

The new refrigerator operates by the controlled circulation of dehumidified air which eliminates completely all usual refrigeration odours and assists in further preservation of foods with no mixing of odours.

Another advance in refrigeration is the new storage door. On the first door, which is hinged to hold open and frequently used and closed, and is a second door which prevents escape of cold air every time the refrigerator is used.

The new refrigerator, according to Philco engineers, represents the most important step in food preservation since the development of the electric refrigerator itself.

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TWO ITALIAN DIVISIONS BESIEGED AT BARDIA

MILITARY CONTROL OF EIRE PORTS

The ports of Galway and Sligo, on the west coast of Eire, have been placed under total military control by an order made yesterday by the Minister of Defence in Dublin.

The step appears to be a continuation of the Eirean policy of preparedness against an invader. Special defence measures have been in operation since the capitulation of France, and since July the ports of Dublin, Cork, Kingstown, Bantry Bay and Lough Swilly have been under military direction. — Reuter.

CHINESE BANK SHUT DOWN

Established since September 21, 1938, the Nanking Commercial Bank, No. 65, Connaught Road Central, closed its doors yesterday at noon.

The Police Emergency Unit had to be called out to control the crowds which became unruly when demands to see the bank officials were not satisfied.

The "China Mail" was authoritatively informed this morning that the bank was compelled to close its doors owing to a distraint order taken out against them by creditors.

EUROPEAN LAD BITTEN

Mr. W. J. Dyer, of No. 169, The Peak, has reported that his son, David John, was bitten by a dog owned by Mr. F. A. Norton, yesterday. The animal was sent to Kennedy Town for observation.

Iron Grip Of Wavell Army Tightening

THE GREATER PART OF TWO ITALIAN DIVISIONS, IT WAS ESTIMATED IN CAIRO LAST NIGHT, ARE IN THE IRON GRIP OF THE BRITISH SIEGE OF BARDIA.

The strength of the Imperial forces around the Italian base is increasing hourly as lorry-loads of supporting infantry are rushed up.

Although no confirmation can be obtained it is believed the British advanced mobile forces have cut the coastal road winding along the cliffs from Bardia to Tobruk.

The Italians are putting up very strong resistance, employing cunningly-laid tank traps, gun emplacements and land mines which they have been preparing for many months.

The British Commander-in-Chief is concentrating on Bardia and, according to the military spokesman in Cairo yesterday, the "Italians are in a tight corner and operations are proceeding with the utmost satisfaction."

Reconnaissance flights by the R.A.F. show no troop movements are taking place on the road leading westward from Bardia.

This suggests that no more of the enemy have been able to escape from Bardia. — Reuter.

JAPANESE HINT TO GERMANY?

An Ambassador who recently stated in an interview that the friendship between Germany and the Soviet could not last, has been re-appointed Japanese Ambassador to Berlin.

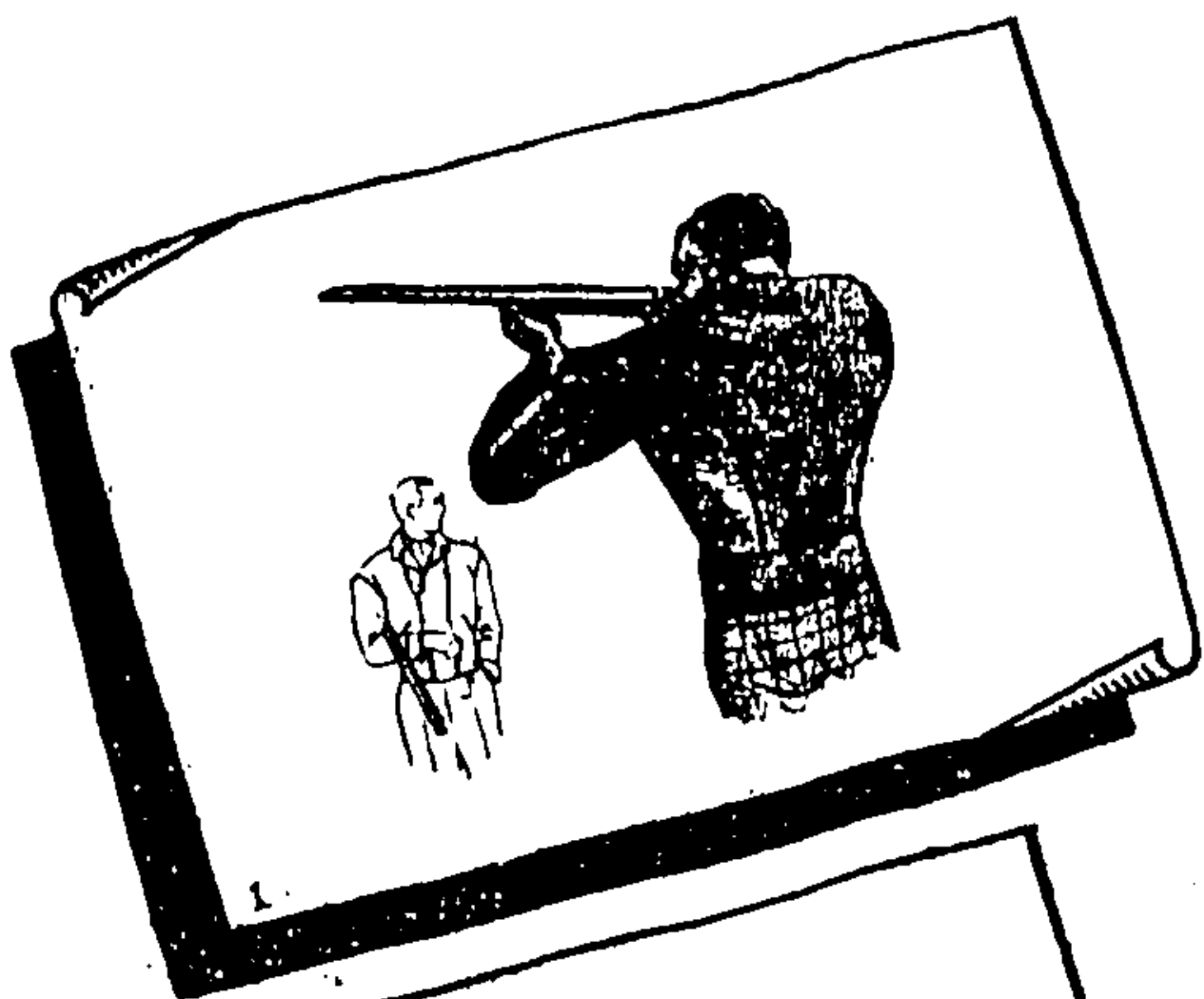
He is Lt.-Gen. Oshima, who was Ambassador to Berlin until November, 1938.

The Japanese Government has decided to recall Ambassador Kuruu and re-appoint Gen. Oshima, and the German Government has agreed.

It was in an interview with a Japanese newspaper last July that Lt.-Gen. Oshima declared: "Hitler has confirmed the opinion that Russia must be defeated in war, not because Russia is a Communist country, but because Hitler believes the Slav race is impeding the development of the German people." — Reuter.



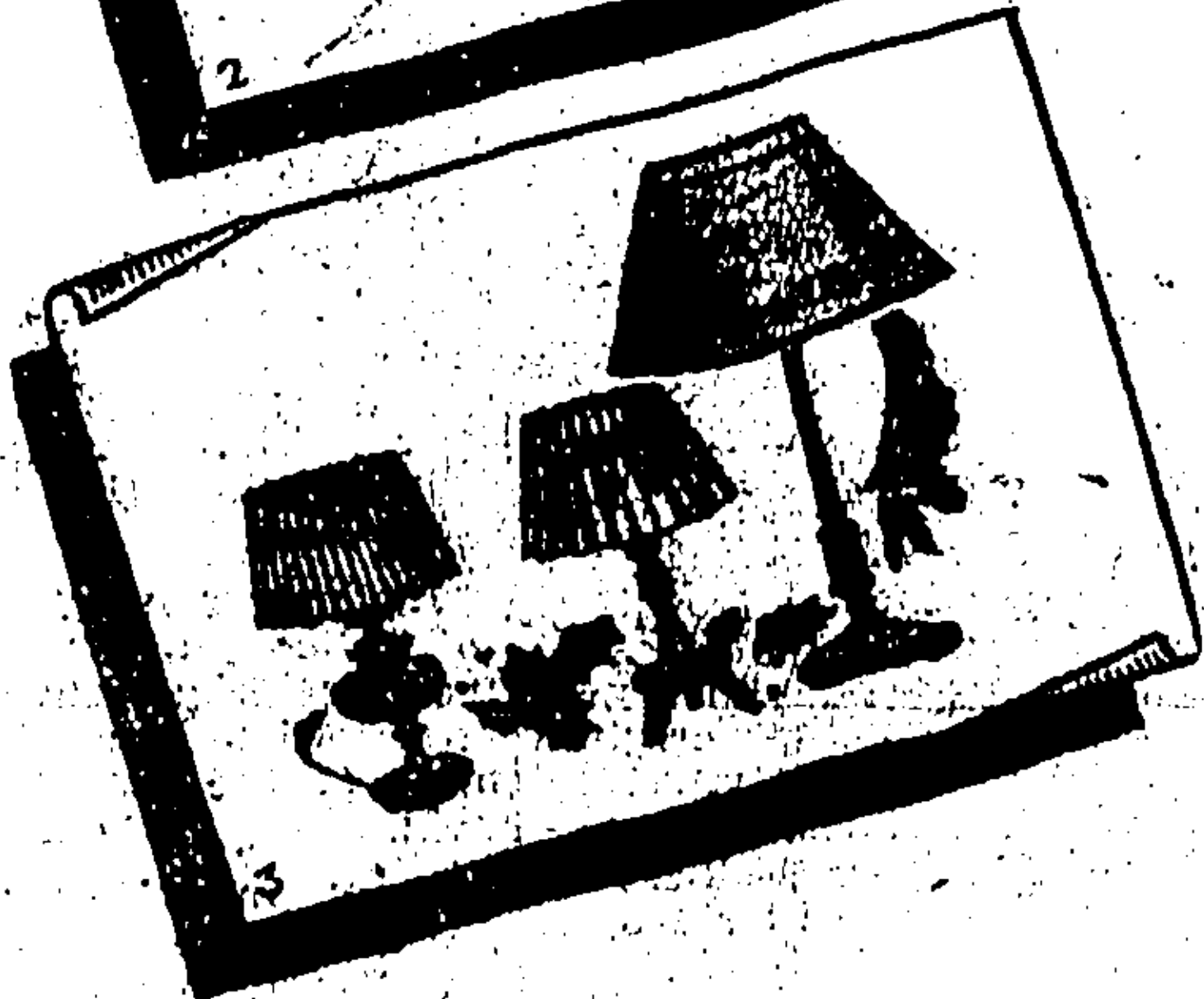
It's fun to give something out of the ordinary, something the others didn't think of—and here are a few suggestions:



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GREEKS BATTLE ON IN SEVERE WEATHER

DESPITE SEVERE WEATHER, the Greeks are still attacking the Italians in Albania, taking more prisoners and war materials.

In the south, Greek artillery is pounding away at the coastal town of Cimarre and also hammering away at Tepelini and Klissoura.

RAID ON ITALIAN OUTPOST

A Nairobi communique says that a Somaliland frontier post has been reduced to ruins by our troops who, after destroying all stores and materials of no value to them, burned the buildings.

Our troops then returned to their base.

We lost two men killed, and 12 were wounded. The Italians lost 50 killed and 120 prisoners.

After the flight of the commander, the Italian troops followed him.

Some of the Africans courageously tried to continue fighting, but without effect. — Reuter.

UNREST IN INDO-CHINA

Some 300 members of the "Indo-China Salvation Army" (an alleged Japanese-supported revolutionary organisation) were interned and disarmed when they crossed the Indo-China border into Chinese territory, according to the Kunming correspondent of the "Ta Kung Pao."

The correspondent states that the group was compelled to cross by pursuing French regulars who were sent out to mop them up.

There are many reports of blizzards.

One message says that Greek troops found the bodies of Italian officers and men who died of hunger and exposure when they laid down in the snow during their retreat.

Valona was raided by the R.A.F. on Wednesday, the attack being directed against the seaplane base, docks and warehouses.

All bombs fell on the target and a warehouse was seen on fire.

Italian fighters put up a stiff opposition and during a 20-minute combat, at least one is believed to have been shot down.

One of our machines had to make a forced landing while returning to its base, but all the rest got home safely. — Reuter.

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PREMIER'S NOTE OF WARNING

Disastrous To Think Mortal Dangers Are Past

Hitler's Need For Quick Results

"WE STILL HAVE ONLY A HALF ARMED NATION FIGHTING A FULLY ARMED NATION WHICH HAS ALREADY PASSED SATURATION POINT IN ITS ARMAMENTS," SAID MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL IN HIS WAR REVIEW IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY.

Mr. Churchill added: "But during 1941 we shall become a well armed nation too. It takes three to four years to put the industries of a country on a war basis.

"The Germans reached the culminating point when we ourselves were still only in the second year but by the efforts that are being made and the great supplies reaching us from the United States we hope we shall be well armed during 1941.

"Let members now returning to their constituencies use their influence to help the good work to sustain morale, it that is necessary, and to speed the work of production.

"We are by no means content. We must never be content. (Cheers).

"We must continue to strive to do our utmost to see that our men have weapons worthy of the task they are to perform.

First Fruits

"What I say in respect of munitions applies with equal force to food production in all its forms.

"When I spoke recently of the years 1943-1944 I did not mean I believed the war would continue until then, but in matters like agriculture and shipbuilding you have got to look ahead.

"If you did not work plans on that scale you would not even get the first fruits that come forward in good time.

"Anything that can be done to increase the volume of food production would be the wisest insurance for the later years of this war, assuming it should be prolonged for such a period, which is by no means impossible.

Mortal Dangers

"It would be a disaster if anyone supposed the supreme mortal dangers are passed. They are not.

"There are dangers of a prolonged deadlock but there may be also more immediate dangers.

"The winter season offers some advantages to the invader to counter-balance those which belong to the summer season.

"It would be a lack of prudence amounting to crime if vigilance were relaxed. (Cheers). We must watch from hour to hour the menace which still exists in full force so short a distance away.

Defence Of Shores

"I may say that the defence of our shores is complete. From the north of Scotland, round Ireland, enormous masses of guns, machine-guns, fortified posts and every defence device are erected and are guarded by large numbers of ardent and well-trained men, but we are not making the mistake which was made by the French General Staff when they thought the Maginot Line was all that was necessary.

"We have now got a very large army capable of moving to any place with great rapidity and going into action in a stronger counter-offensive, and therefore one can have good confidence in our power to beat the enemy, supposing he should succeed in setting foot in any strength on these shores.

"Nevertheless we must remember that Hitler—I should certainly deprecate any comparison between Hitler and Napoleon because I don't want to insult the dead—wields gigantic power and he has a great need of doing something in the near future."

WHAT THE ARMY IS DOING

Our men have out-fought the enemy because of their valour, their belief in the cause for which they are fighting and because they are infinitely better trained, said Mr. Anthony Eden, Secretary for War, yesterday.

"Both in equipment and training there are no troops anywhere in the world to compare with those of the British Commonwealth," he continued.

Every munition order delivered shortens the duration of the war. Production is the key to victory.

He hoped to hear no more of the question which has been put once or twice of late:—"What is the army doing?"

The answer is:—

"The Army is learning its job and the African successes show the reward of long periods of training."

The better our troops know their job, the less men we will lose winning the fight.—Reuter.

BRITAIN PLACING HUGE ORDERS

It was understood in Washington yesterday that the British Government is seeking contracts for 12,000 additional aeroplanes, between 2,000 and 5,000 more tanks and additional guns and ammunition.

This follows statements by Mr. Henry Morgenthau (Secretary of Treasury) and Mr. Stephen Early (President Roosevelt's secretary) on the subject of quicker aid to Britain, and means a speeding up of the American defence programme as a whole.

It is believed the planes may cost \$1,125,000,000, while the orders for guns and ammunition may total \$1,700,000,000.

Well-informed sources in Washington yesterday declared that contracts for merchant vessels may be signed by the end of the week.

Further negotiations, by which the considerable tonnage of Danish ships now in American ports could be taken over and transferred to Britain, are proceeding satisfactorily.—Reuter.

DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES FOR BRITISH ALLIES

A BILL TO CONFER diplomatic privileges on the Allied and associated Governments in Britain received its second reading in the House of Lords yesterday.

Object of the Bill, according to the Lord Chancellor, Viscount Simon, proposes to confer a position corresponding to that of members of the Diplomatic Corps upon members and senior officials of Allied Governments stationed in Britain, namely, Poland, Norway, the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg and the Provisional Czechoslovak Government, as well as upon leaders and senior officials, such as the Free French movement established in Britain.

A second clause of the Bill is intended to meet the case of foreign diplomatic envoys and their staffs accredited to Allied Governments, which at present are in Britain because the Allied Governments are here.

Emblem Of Regard

Suggesting that the Bill might be regarded in a more or less prosaic manner, Viscount Simon said: "I wish to present it as an emblem of the regard and sympathy with which His Majesty's Government feel for the Allied Governments that did not lose heart when their countries were successfully struck down by the treacherous and brutal aggression of the enemy."

Both the Liberal and Labour parties supported the Bill and paid tributes to the assistance rendered by the Allied Governments and the Free French movement in Britain.—Reuter.

SEIZURE OF NAZI BUND RECORDS IN U.S.

The seizure of the records of the German-American Bund in Chicago and the Teutonia Publishing Company were ordered by the judge of the municipal court yesterday.

Both concerns are being used for non-payment of personal property taxes.—Reuter.

AIR RAID WARDEN HON. A.D.C.

The Hong Kong Corps of Air Raid Wardens has been honoured by the appointment by His Excellency the Acting Governor of an Honorary Aide-de-camp from its ranks.

The additional Honorary aide-de-camp is Mr. Wang Sik-kuen, Deputy Divisional Air Raid Warden of the Tsimshatsui District, and commander of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company.

ITALIAN FRONTIER RUMOURS

Reports that German troops have reached Italy have been received on the Italian frontier where, according to a diplomatic source, they number between five and six divisions.

No confirmation of this report is available from any other source, and an American correspondent who has just arrived from Rome says there was no evidence of any important German forces in Italy when he left.

The correspondent adds it seems certain the Italian people would greatly resent the presence of large numbers of foreign troops on Italian territory.

Authoritative quarters in London said yesterday that confirmation is lacking of the reports, which also said German troops were in Libya.

Reuter learns that such reports are regarded with considerable reserve.—Reuter.

ITALIANS GAOLED FOR LISTENING IN

A Rome message reaching Switzerland says that several Italians in Padua have been sent to prison and fined 500 lira each for listening to BBC broadcasts in Italian.—Reuter.

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APPLAUSE IN BRITAIN FOR ROOSEVELT PLAN

NOT ONLY WILL President Roosevelt's plan for aid to Britain be welcomed by us as a great and noble gesture, said the London "Times" yesterday, but as offering a method all the more brilliant because of its simplicity of getting over an embarrassing difficulty.

No one this side of the Atlantic, adds the newspaper, imagined the United States would let us lose the war by withholding over any question of dollars such arms as she is able to supply.

WEST END SHOPS CARRY ON

Women were doing serious shopping in Oxford Street and Bond Street recently. It was not just a case of sight-seeing near the shops which suffered in the air raid and which have since been closed because of unexploded bombs.

Many of the customers had travelled from the suburbs; others had come up to London from the home counties, confident that the departments they wanted would be ready to serve them.

In Bond Street, where there is a good deal of air raid havoc, tremendous efforts have been made to carry on. A large military and naval tailoring establishment which was burned out has taken its orders and its workpeople to a branch shop, where it will keep going.

A Brisk Week-End

A fashionable florist was serving its customers in the street itself and the manageress said that in spite of two bombings, which carried away the plate glass as well as the window frame and wrecked the back of the shop, the staff were doing their work much as usual. They went on making up bouquets, were sent out to decorate churches for weddings and were fulfilling orders for flowers cabled from Canada and the United States as bouquets for friends in London.

John Lewis and Co. set up an out-of-door information bureau for the benefit of would-be customers and those who were anxious to inquire about orders given before the bombing.

Practically the whole staff of Borne and Hollingsworth cooperated during the week-end to get the store ready for business. There was so much broken glass, however, that it will be a day or two before the departments can open. The factory, busy with Government orders, has never closed; and the firm's workrooms are carrying on as usual.

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OFFICER'S HOAX ON REGIMENT

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Telephoned instructions which purported to be given by the General Officer Commanding and led to soldiers having to stand to during the night, were described at a general court-martial at Farnborough, when Lt. Carlton Morris Shufflebotham, 27, of the Royal Tank Regt., pleaded guilty to two charges of conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline when on active service.

The particulars of the charge alleged that he twice rang up the orderly officer of his regiment from the officers' mess and pretended to be the G.O.C., Aldershot Command.

The first occasion was at 1.30 a.m. on Aug. 28, and it was then that Shufflebotham gave an order that the regiment was to stand to until 2 a.m.

Evidence was given that 85 men dressed and turned out in consequence of the telephone messages.

Shufflebotham admitted impersonating the G.O.C. and told the court it would not have happened but for the fact that it was guest night at the mess and he stayed there late and had a few more drinks than usual.

The finding of the court will be made known later.

DEPENDS ON WHO GETS HURT?

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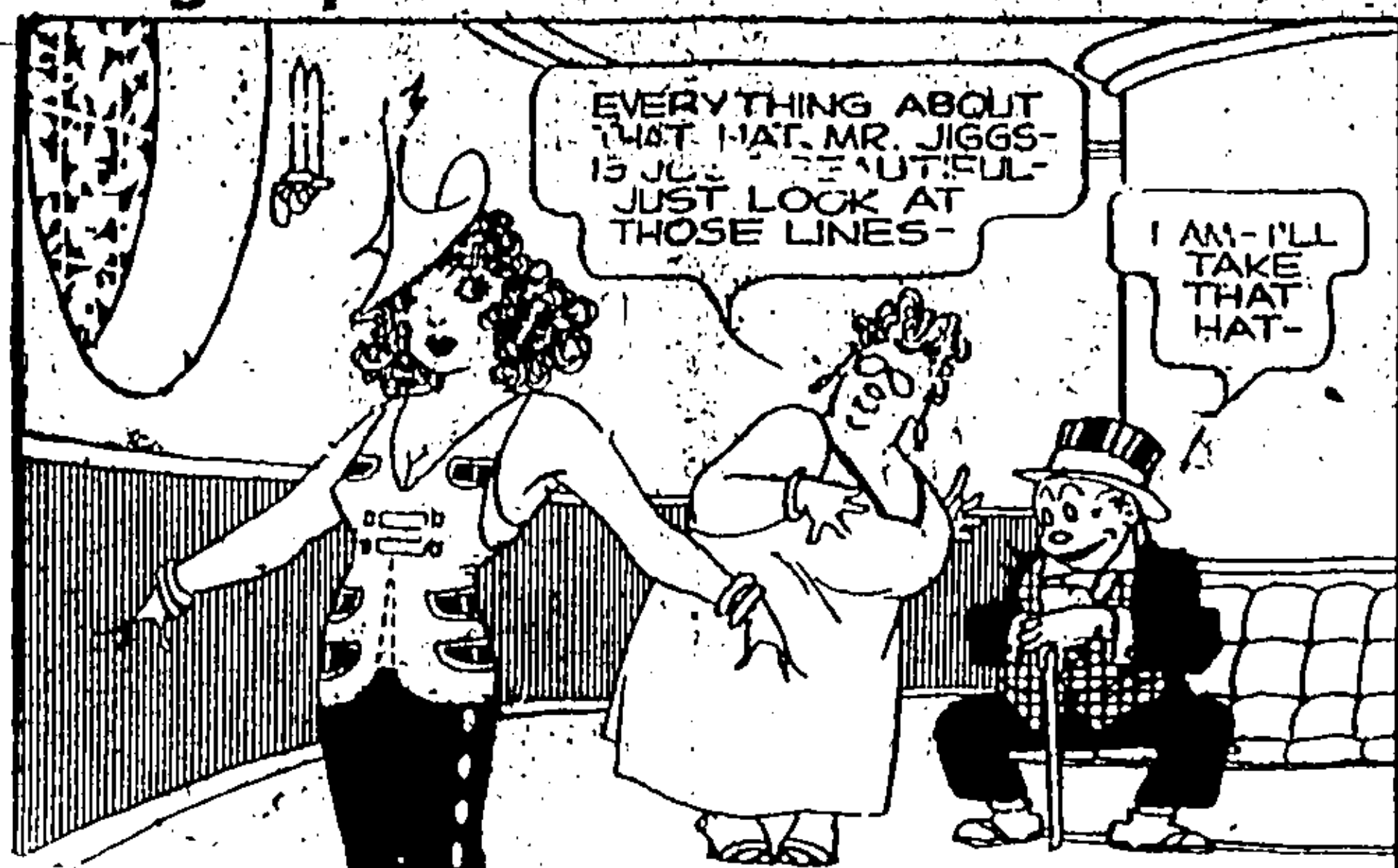
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WIFE KILLED BY BOMBS

A woman, whose husband was alleged to have attempted to murder her in an Anderson shelter, was later killed by bombs when the hospital to which she had been taken received a direct hit.

A solicitor, Mr. E. Weale, made this statement at Dartford when the husband, Cyril William Percy Clark, 30, labourer, of Dartford, was sent for trial at Kent Assizes on a charge of attempting to murder his wife.

Mr. Weale said that Mrs. Clark was found lying unconscious in the shelter by an ambulance driver and a nurse. She was removed to the hospital, and an operation performed which appeared to be successful. But shortly afterwards the hospital was bombed. The ward in which Mrs. Clark was lying received a direct hit, and she died as a result of the bombing.

Sleeping Children

The ambulance driver said that in the shelter, lying near Mrs. Clark, were her two children fast asleep.

Evidence was given that Clark telephoned for the ambulance and accompanied his wife to hospital. The doctor who operated said that she had every chance of recovering. He was satisfied that death was due to the bombing.

Det.-Sgt. White, of Dartford, said that when arrested Clark described how he and his wife sat with the children in the shelter throughout the night of Sept. 1 and 2, and went on: "Before it got light we had a quarrel because I asked her to let me go into lodgings and have a separation. I lost my temper. I struck her on the head with my fist. She fell back as though she was unconscious."

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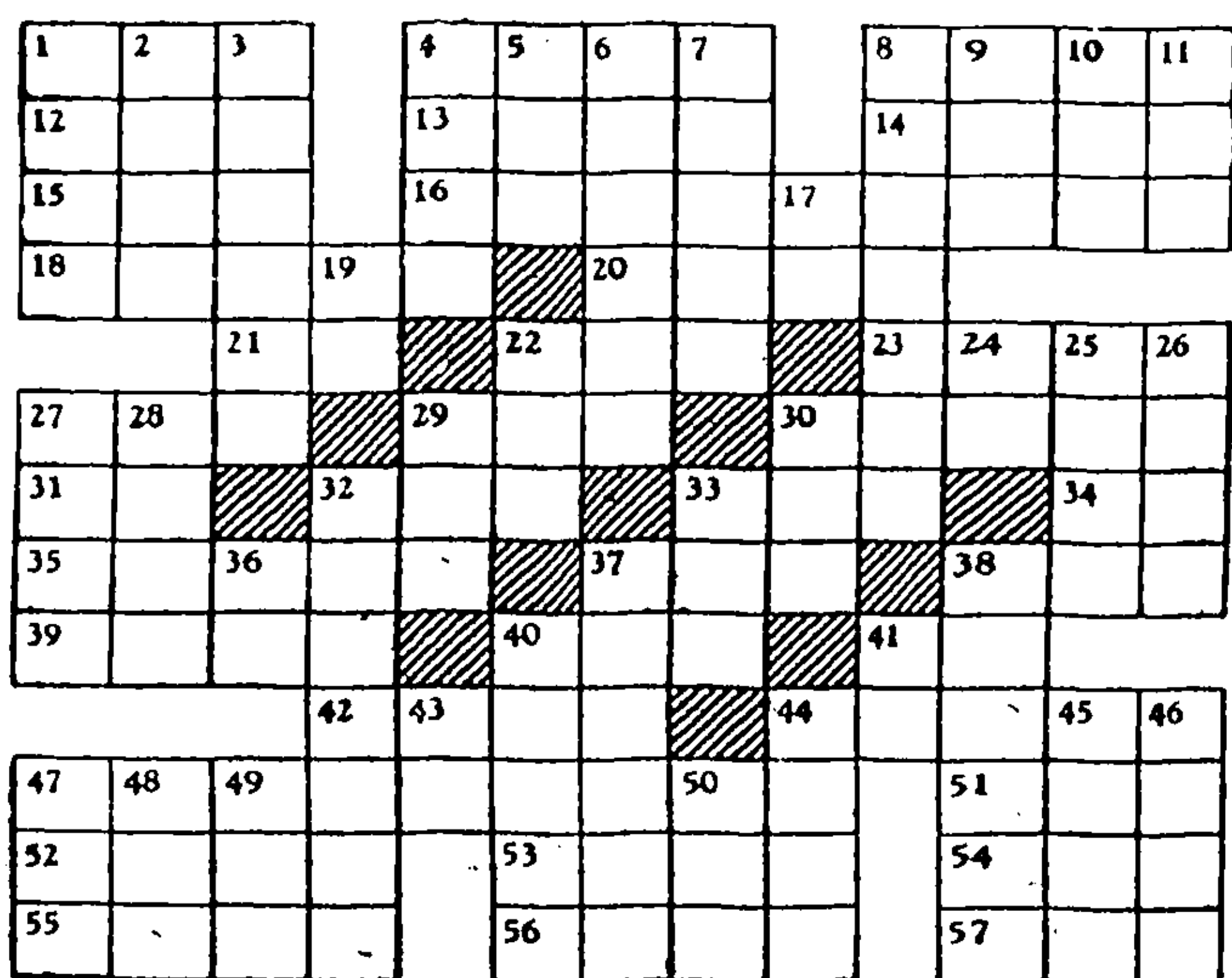
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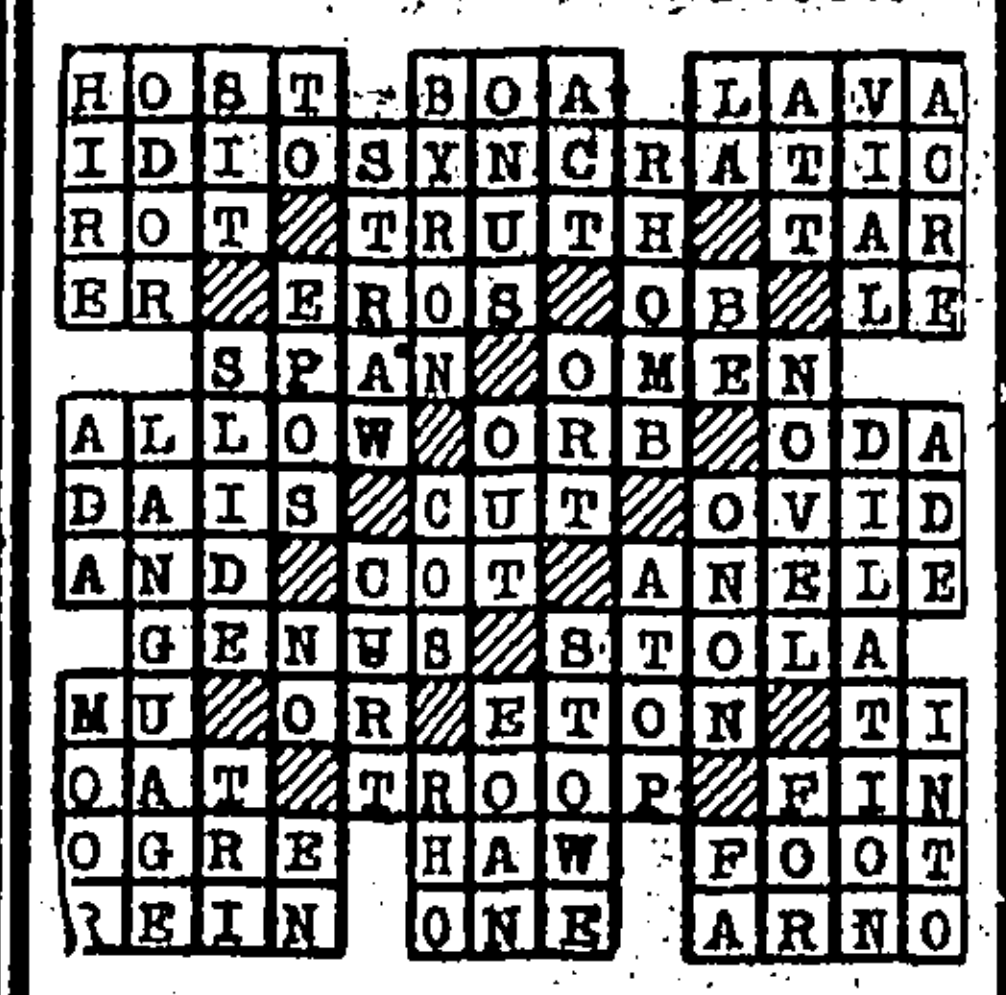
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- 1 100,000 rupees
- 4 Diplomacy
- 8 To dislike
- 12 Self
- 13 Solo
- 14 Bacchanalian's cry
- 15 To be sick
- 16 Greedy
- 18 Slipknot
- 20 Husk
- 21 Negative
- 22 Ditch
- 23 To leave out
- 27 Period of time
- 29 Footlike part
- 30 Blue
- 31 Periodic windstorm
- 32 Billiard stick
- 33 Age
- 34 Indian mulberry
- 35 Constellation
- 37 To batter
- 38 Literary scraps
- 39 Space
- 40 Vast age
- 41 Spanish article
- 42 Four gills
- 44 To speak of boastfully

VERTICAL

- 1 Thin
- 2 Exchange premium
- 3 Aggregation
- 4 Tiresome
- 5 Part of "to be"
- 6 Tufted form of cloud
- 7 Implied
- 8 Spanish explorer
- 9 Yellow bugle
- 10 And not
- 11 Chief of the janizaries
- 17 Half an em
- 19 Therefore
- 22 Female ruff
- 24 Greek letter
- 25 Persia
- 26 Web-like membrane
- 27 Passageway
- 28 Colloquial: air vehicle
- 29 Play on words
- 30 Support
- 32 To parallel
- 33 To bring forth
- 36 Butterfly
- 37 Turning around its axis
- 38 Pear-shaped glass vessel
- 40 To penetrate
- 41 Babylonian deity
- 43 Exists
- 44 Male apparel
- 45 African river
- 46 Brain tissue
- 47 To obstruct
- 48 First woman
- 49 Large container
- 50 Also

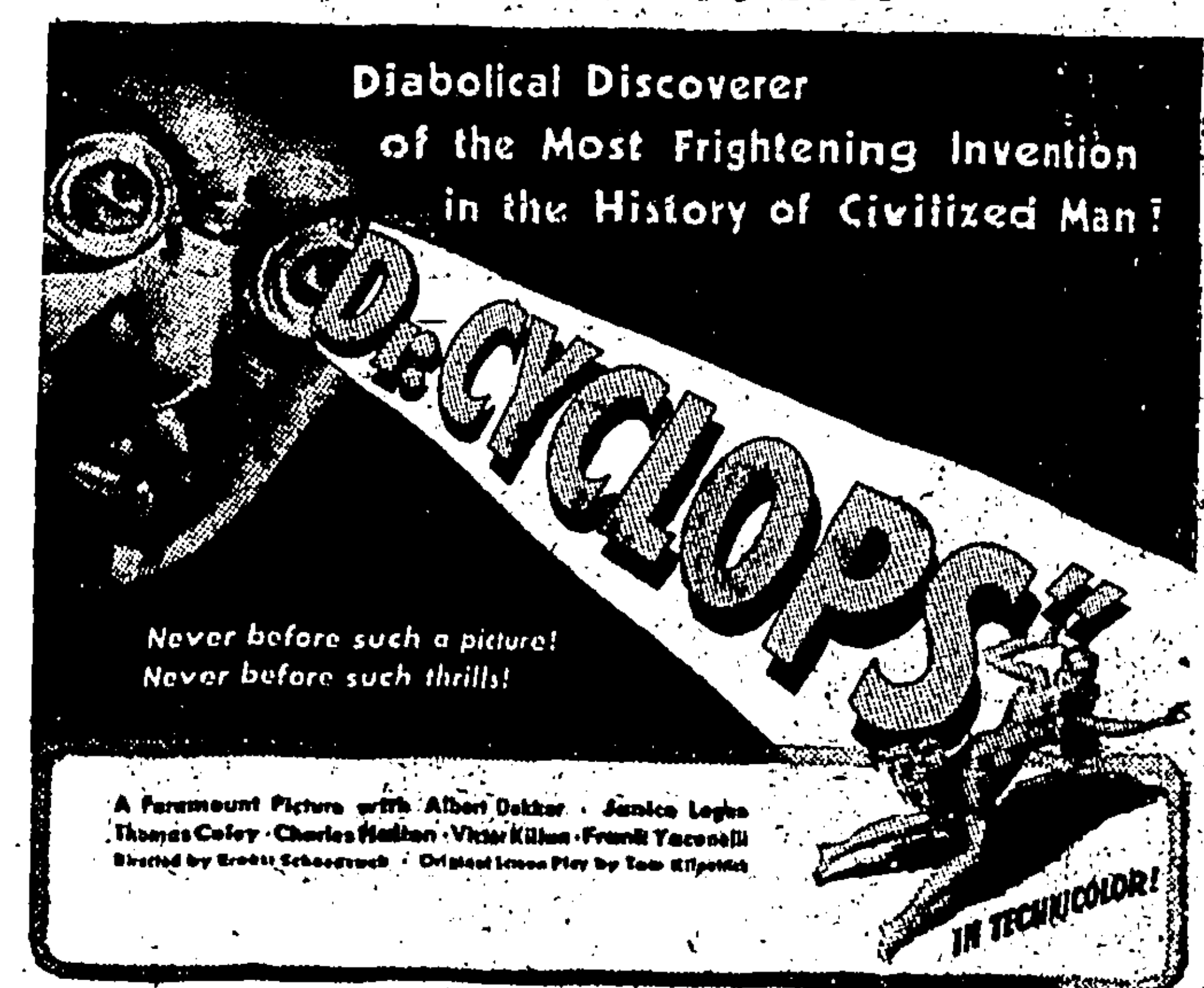
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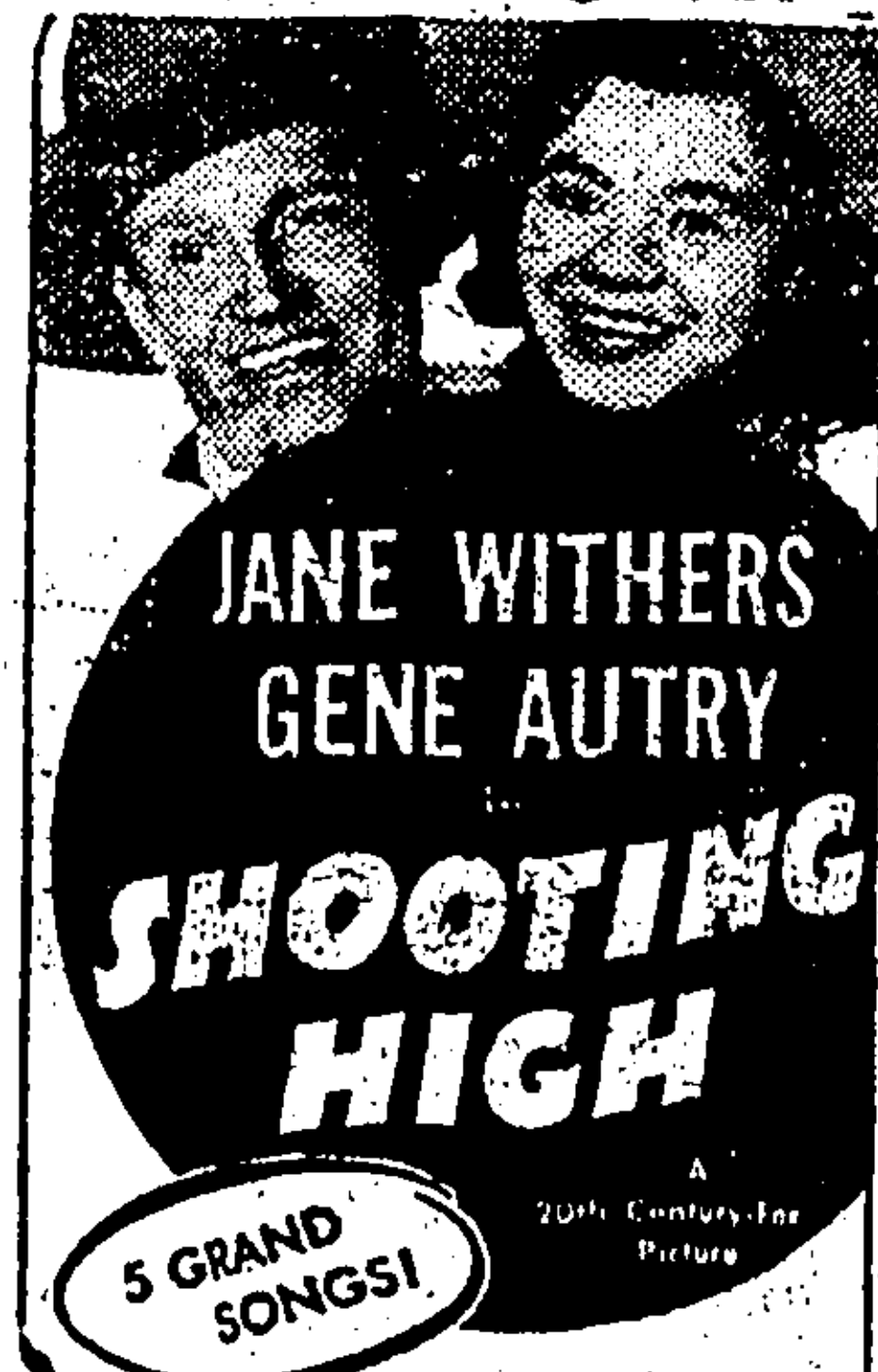
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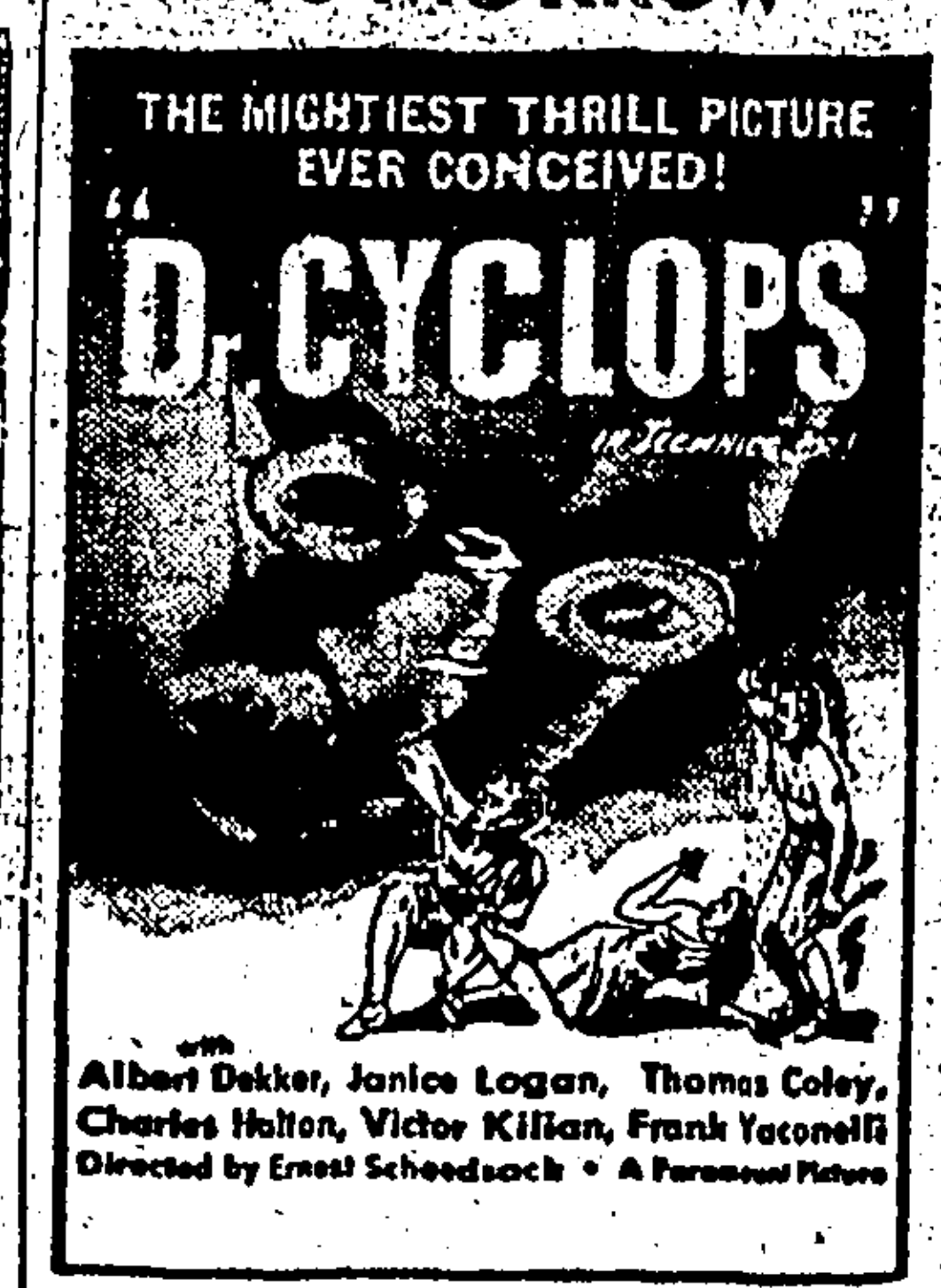
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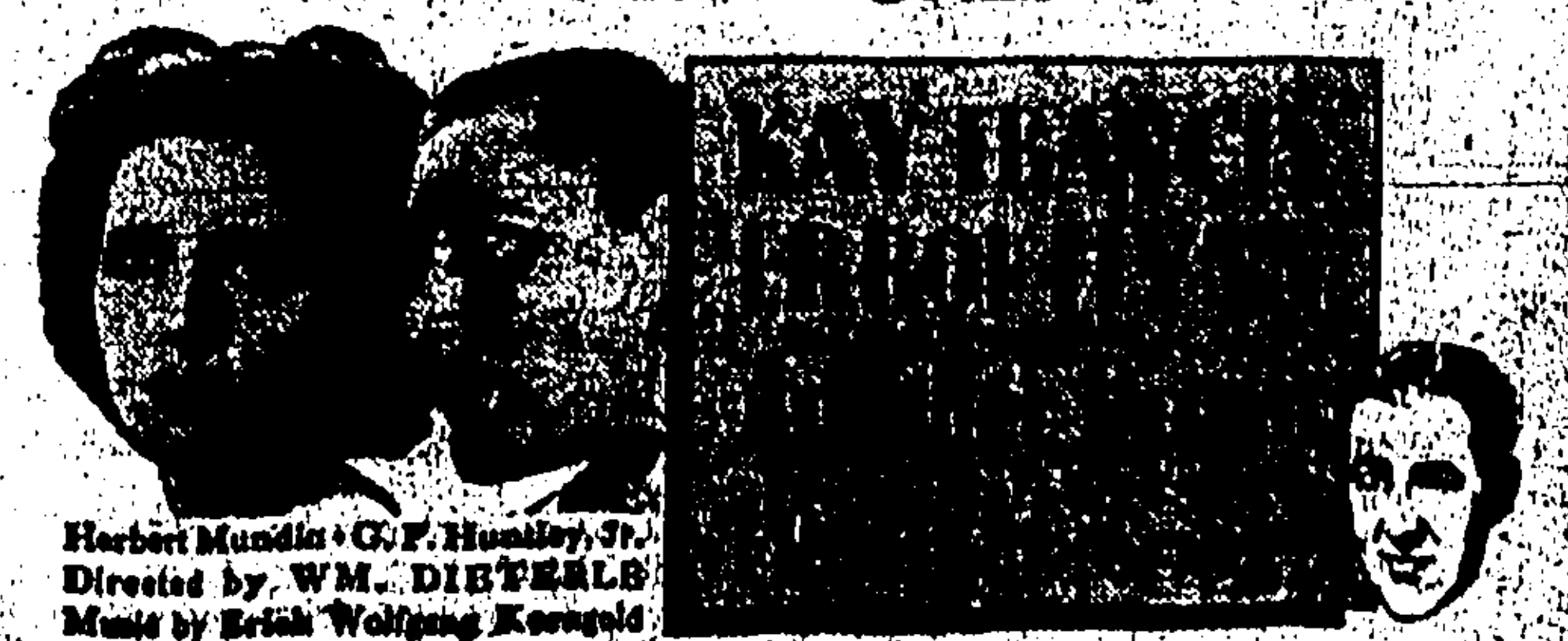
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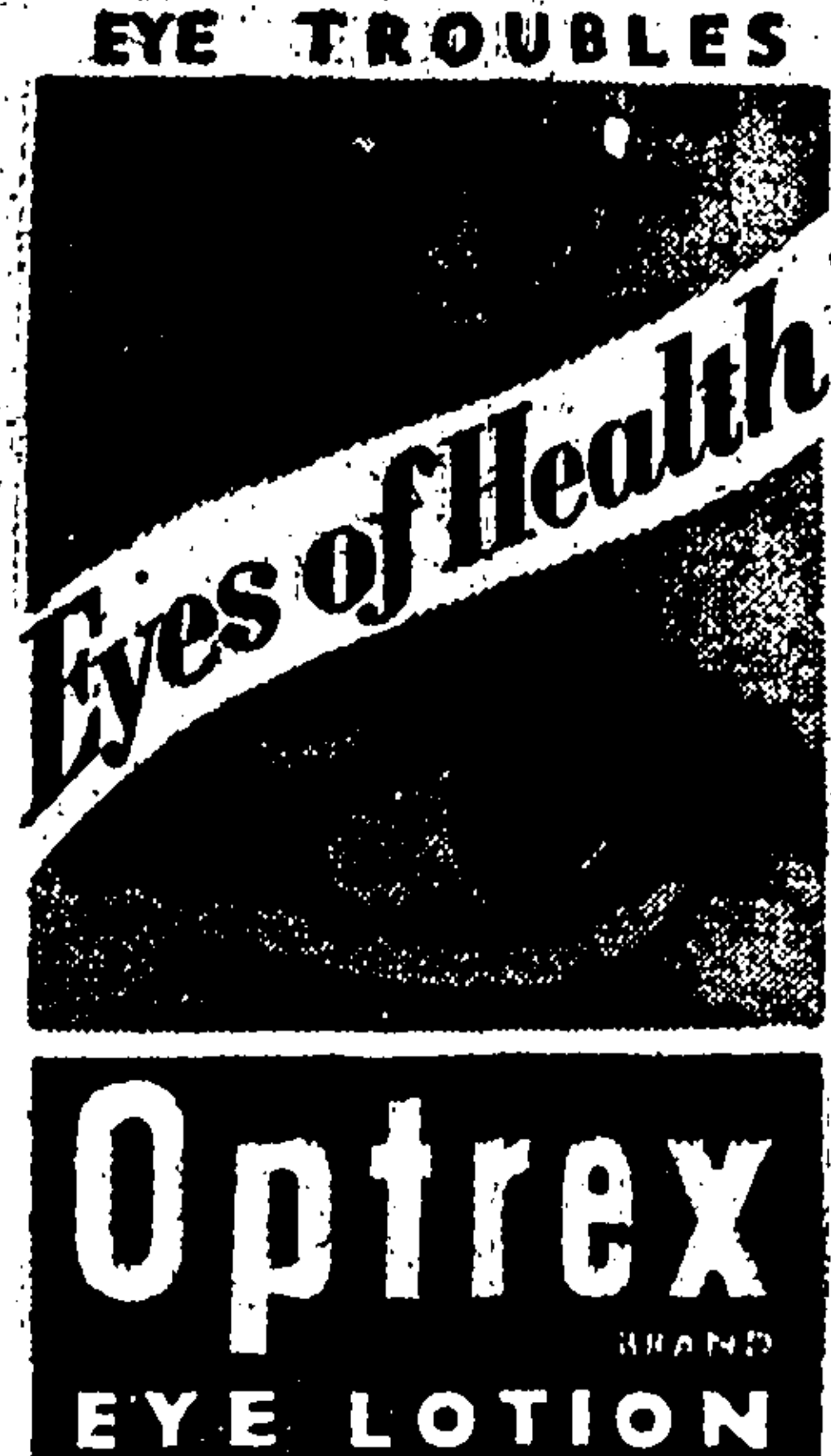
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FIRM ATTITUDE ON DEVELOPMENTS IN TANGIER

FIRM WORDS about the situation in Tangier were used by the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, replying to the Commons debate yesterday on the position in the International Zone.

Mr. F. Cocks (Labour), who initiated the debate, said the situation was a very grave one and demanded even drastic steps by Britain to preserve the neutrality and unfortified character of Tangier.

After reviewing developments leading up to the dissolution of the International Administration, Mr. Butler said that as a result of a further coup on December 13 "the most definite language is being used by the local Consul-General in Tangier and the British Ambassador, both to the authorities in Tangier and to the Spanish Government in Madrid. "We are particularly anxious to know what is the practical effect of the general assurances about British subjects, which were given at the beginning of December, and we are concerning ourselves about the future of British personnel in the Administration.

Negotiations Proceeding

"Not only have British officials received this treatment at the hands of the Spanish authorities but also foreign officials of other nations concerned, who are for the most part French or Italian. "Similar treatment has been meted out to all.

"There are some 1,700 British residents in Tangier and it is about these that we have received some assurances, and about the officials we are making strong and definite representations in the negotiations which are now proceeding.

"Signatories of the Tangier Statute are France, Spain, the United Kingdom and Italy. The Netherlands, Belgium, Portugal and Sweden are adherents.

"I cannot speak for Italy and France but I understand the Netherlands and Belgium have protested with us against the Spanish action. Meanwhile we have informed the Portuguese and Swedish Governments of the action we are taking.

Spain's Independence

"The United States are fully aware of the position and there is contact between us."

Mr. Butler disclosed that the British Consul-General in Tangier had been invited to proceed at once to Madrid to assist Sir Samuel Hoare, our Ambassador, in his discussions with the Spanish Government.

This illustrated the importance attached to the discussions at present in progress.

Continuing, Mr. Butler said it had always been the policy of the British Government to encourage Spain to adopt an independent policy, and despite propaganda put about by Britain's enemies and any steps which they might take to give a false impression, the British Government's attitude remained "Spain can be independent if her people are properly guided."—Reuter.

MISINFORMED

Sir, — We deeply regret we misinformed you yesterday when we said Mr. Y. K. Sze would be assisting in our Concert on Sunday. This is not so, and we wish to apologise to Mr. Sze and your readers for the mistake.

We will be grateful if you would kindly publish this correction.

O. V. CHEUNG.

Hon. Secretary,
H. K. U. Christian Union.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is decreasing in intensity and moving eastward; pressure is now highest over Manchuria and Korea.

VARSIY'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT

THE UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION WILL BE GIVING THEIR 13TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT ON SUNDAY, AT 9 P.M. IN THE GREAT HALL.

His Excellency the Acting Governor will honour the occasion with his presence.

The programme will include both Community Singing, and Carols by the Association's choir under Rupert Baldwin, who for over ten years has been Honorary Conductor. At the piano will be Miss Caroline Braga.

The Choir is made up chiefly of undergraduates, who, together with friends from outside like J. R. M. Smith and several of the Colony's altos, number thirty strong, and they will sing among others pieces, "Watt's Cradle Song," "O Leave Your Sheep," "Poverty," and "New Prince New Pomp."

At the close of the Concert a collection will be taken, and the proceeds equally divided between the Society for the Protection of Children, the Hong Kong School for the Deaf, and the Street Sleepers Shelter Society.

OVERLOADED VESSEL

"AS THE MASTER OF A SHIP, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SEEING THAT THE SHIP IS SAFE BEFORE SAILING," REMARKED COMMANDER J. JOLLY, ACTING HARBOUR MASTER, TO CAPTAIN PANG MUK, OF THE S.S. GOLD LEAF, WHO WAS SUMMONED IN THE MARINE COURT THIS MORNING FOR CARRYING AN EXCESS OF 15 PASSENGERS ON DECEMBER 8 IN MIRS BAY.

Defendant explained that he was in a hurry to depart and was not able to check the number of people on board. The excess passengers, he added, were company's employees working in the ship. The others were coolies being taken across to Sha-yu-chung to assist in unloading cargo.

Defendant admitted three previous convictions for similar offences and concluded that the employees were sent on board the ship by the company.

He was fined \$25, or four weeks' imprisonment.

For allowing the s.s. Gold Leaf to carry excess passengers, the charterers of the ship, the Wah Fung Steamship Company, No. 62, Connaught Road Central, represented by the manager, Mr. Chan Shu, were fined \$75.

According to Sergeant Ross, the ship was allowed to carry 78 people, including the crew. When the ship was stopped, 93 people were found on board.

SNATCHING CASE

Miss Yung Cheong-ying, of the Y.W.C.A., walking in Bopham Road yesterday, was victim of a snatcher, who took her wrist watch and handbag.

TOXIC POISONING CAUSED DEATH OF AMBASSADOR

Lord Lothian's death was due to toxic poisoning, which affected his heart, according to accounts received in London from the British Embassy in Washington.

This statement was made by Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons yesterday.—Reuter.

AGAIN A BOMBLESS DAY

Little enemy air activity occurred over Britain during daylight yesterday and no bombs were dropped in any area.

A pilot in the Fighter Command squadron which helped save the destroyer Javelin from bombing attacks when she was recently disabled by enemy action, shot down a Dornier 17 bomber off the West Country.

The London area had its first alert last night since Monday but it was of comparatively short duration.

A few high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped in one London area.—Reuter.

MARSMAN CAPITAL REDUCED

AT THE SUPREME COURT THIS MORNING THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR ATHOLL MACGREGOR, GRANTED THE PETITION OF MESSRS. MARSMAN (HONG KONG CHINA), LTD. FOR REDUCTION OF CAPITAL FROM £600,000 to £250,000.

Mr. H. C. Macnamara, instructed by Mr. E. Davidson, appeared for petitioners, and said that the company was incorporated in Hong Kong in 1936. The reason for asking for reduction of capital was a perfectly orderly and straightforward one as the reduction was represented by losses.

The Balance sheet in April showed a loss of \$130,000, but since then the question of reduction had come up and it was found that further loss of £164,000 had occurred.

The total loss represented half the capital of the company.

EXAMINATION IN FIRST AID

Candidates in "First Aid to the Injured" who attended the recent course of lectures given by Dr. P. Ruttonjee are notified that an examination will be conducted by Dr. J. E. Dovey at St. John Ambulance Headquarters, Tai Hang Road, on Friday 27th December at 5 p.m.

PEAK THEFT

Miss Dodwell, of No. 301, The Peak, has reported that yesterday afternoon, three blankets, valued at \$25, were stolen from the back of the house.



BRITAIN'S INCREASING SUPPORT

Some of the staunchest supporters of the aid-to-Britain movement in the United States are persons who formerly were either lukewarm or quite impartial in their attitude toward the war. This alteration in sentiment has been due to recognition of America's position in the world conflict. Recent recruits to the anti-Nazi cause base their new position on moral as well as political grounds.

Such is the motive acknowledged by some threescore of Roman Catholics—laymen and clergy—for a recent statement urging all possible aid from the United States to Britain, "lest we be left to face the dictators of Europe and Asia alone."

This is a most timely plea. The United States is speeding up its manufacture and shipment of supplies to Britain. It is approaching the time when it may have to consider placing its ships once more in traffic between American and British ports. But meanwhile the seas on which American supplies must travel, and American ships may soon have to venture, are becoming daily more dangerous because of the U-boat menace.

Important and heartening as is the tremendous victory in the Mediterranean, the area of submarine warfare and of raids on merchant shipping in the North Atlantic off the Irish coast remains a crucial one in the present struggle.

Mr. Churchill has explained that one of the foremost reasons for the seriousness of the U-boat warfare against Britain lies in the fact that bases from which the British Navy could operate in the World War are now denied it.

These bases lie in that portion of Ireland which is predominantly Roman Catholic. Up to now Mr. de Valera has refused to grant to Britain the right to use bases in Southern Ireland. Nor has he publicly recognised what is becoming clear to many Irishmen elsewhere, that the interests of an independent Eire, like those of an independent United States, are bound up with victory over the Nazis. If this means at the moment Britain's victory over the Nazis, that is not Britain's fault.

Many factors operate to keep Mr. de Valera's position fixed in a static refusal to face facts. Ire-

No one will be better pleased than the German soldiers if Hitler's plan for invading Britain is postponed indefinitely. Not from any love of Britain, but just because they would like to stay alive.

I know, because I spent 19 days among them in occupied Brittany and in occupied Touraine.

I did not seek out the company of the Germans. That would not have been healthy. I am a lieutenant in the Polish army, and with other Polish officers and men who had been with the French I was trying to escape from German-occupied France to Britain in order to carry on our fight. I had to avoid the Germans.

But I saw and I heard them, and the peasants and the people in the chateau who hid us, who gave us food and helped us on our way, they all had tales to tell us of the German soldiers in their villages.

One night, when we were hiding in the barn of a chateau up near the coast, we heard a great noise from the village.

I asked our host what it was.

"Oh," he said, "that is the German soldiers. They are celebrating. They have just received orders to move to Bordeaux. They think that down in Bordeaux they will be safe from being used for the invasion of England."

There was a regiment in St. Malo who rejoiced openly when orders came for them to move away from the invasion coast to the safe South.

Not that the Germans in Brittany were quiet fellows at any time. By the time my little party and I had got safely out the Germans had drunk up all the champagne in the country. Champagne, sausages and sauerkraut (choucroute garnie) was and is the favourite order of the German soldiers in the cafes when they can get it. And the sweeter the champagne the better.



I have seen quite enough of the Germans in their new role as the masters of France. For after the 19 days which I spent hopping across fields and through woods in occupied France, watching from hedges and ditches the German infantry columns roll by in their lorries—never once did I see German troops marching—I spent another two months and a half dogging the agents of the Gestapo in unoccupied France before I could make my dash for Spain and freedom.

It is only three weeks since I was in Vichy, capital of unoccupied France. It seems a year ago.

The contrast between the different nations I have come in contact with in the last few weeks is the most encouraging experience

land would be exposed to bomb attacks should Irishmen decide to dedicate their naval bases to a fight for freedom. There are old and understandable grudges. But as compared with the threat to Eire's sovereignty that is implicit in the spread of Nazism, thoughts of any danger of British encroachments in the South must seem romantic today.

In urging all possible aid to Britain the Irish element of Roman Catholicism in America may well do more than urge this upon citizens of the United States. Their stand should help free people everywhere to clear up foggy concepts of Britain's present role, and of Ireland's potential place, in a struggle crucial to the future of small States and to religious freedom.

Journey Across Europe

How do the Nazi soldiery face up to the idea of invading Britain?

How do the French people react under the heel of the Nazi jackboot?

Here the veil is lifted by a Polish officer, Lieutenant Zygmunt Litynski.

Coming from the Battle of Norway, this officer, who is also a distinguished Polish journalist, fought in the last stages of the Battle of France. He was nearly three weeks among the Germans in occupied France.

Lieut. Litynski was in Vichy in October. He escaped to Spain via Portugal. Thence he travelled to England.

Now Lieut. Litynski is in London. Here he tells his astonishing story.

I have had since I saw the Germans hold up their hands in surrender at Narvik. Alas! that seems a century ago!

The French, defeated, listless, disorganised and helpless, like a machine whose mainspring is shattered. The German soldiers, arrogant and swaggering in their triumph, but in danger of demoralisation from excessive indulgence in the gross pleasures of victory. The Spaniards, hungry and disunited, living among the ruins of their civil war without the energy to rebuild.

And now the British, the only one of these peoples that I have seen that really seem to know what this war is about, fighting with a strength and a cold calm, soldiers and civilians alike.



When we arrived in Brest on June 16 on our return from Narvik the streets were full of stragglers. Soldiers in ragged uniforms lounged around. They had no arms and there was no one to lead them. They had no interest in anything.

The civilians all insisted the war was over. They did not want it to go on. They seemed afraid that we should want to fight on in their city.

We tried to find our French commanding officer, General Bethouart, of the 1st Light Division. No one knew where he was. We had no equipment, only rifles and a few light automatics. No cars or lorries, no anti-tank guns, no ammunition for our rifles, no telephone or wireless, no medical kit.

They sent us off by train as we were on June 17 to take the sector from St. Malo to Combourg. Arms and equipment would be sent from Rennes, which, so we were informed, was full of everything, tanks, guns and vast quantities of munitions and transport.

We took up our position and fortified it. But the supplies did not arrive. The Germans had taken Rennes in the meantime.

The mayors of the villages where we had established our strong points ordered the inhabitants to pull down our fortifications. They, too, did not want us to fight in their district.

And then at 11 a.m. on June 18 the German motorised advance column was reported to be approaching. We made ready to fight. But they stopped. French mobile guards came out ahead of the Germans.

They held up their hands above their heads and came towards our advance post shouting: "DON'T SHOOT, THE ARMISTICE HAS BEEN SIGNED."

As far as fighting in France was concerned that was the end of our brigade. We had taken part in the victory of Narvik, we

had seen the German soldiers throw down their arms. We had seen their general flee to the Swedish frontier. And now we had to give in without firing a shot.

One section refused to obey orders. They fired on the Germans and then slowly retired through the forest. I don't know what became of them.

We saw the Germans enter the village. They drove right past us on their lorries sitting there on their benches row by row, wooden, expressionless, like policemen.

A captain asked the mayor: "Are there any English around here?" And then they all drove on in the direction of Brest. The Germans were always asking for the whereabouts of British troops. The French they just ignored.

Breton peasants helped us in our get-away. The walls of their own houses were plastered with posters from the German army authorities—often stuck on top of the old mobilisation posters—warning them on pain of death not to help soldiers to escape.

But these simple peasants did not care.

They were not like the people of Brest. They wanted the war to go on. They gave us news of where the Germans were. They hid us. They gave us food. They guided us. They gave us the maps out of their almanacs—the only maps we had.

It was the same whether we went into the cottages of the simple folk or the chateaux of the aristocrats.

And they were always full of news of the British. "The English are at Amiens," the peasants told us with delight and enthusiasm. "The English are at Dunkirk."

The lord of one of the chateaux we called at told us full of pride of how the British had bombed a cross roads on the Paris-Bordeaux road and had annihilated a German column.

It was in a Breton farmhouse on June 23 in a room with those high peasant beds like cupboards in it, that we heard the news of the Franco-German agreement from the portable wireless which I had bought in Glasgow. Our General Bohusz covered his head with his hands, the women sobbed and prayed.

That night we were surrounded by the Germans in a wood. But we got out by following behind one of the tanks that was searching for us. It made such a clatter that no-one heard us.

Not all the French soldiers had given up the fight.

In a wood where they were hiding from the Germans like ourselves I came across a troop of French soldiers in civilian clothes, with machine-guns and full armament.

They were going around destroying as best they could the tanks and motorcars and lorries and guns abandoned by the Germans. A young mechanic led them.

He used to creep right into the villages occupied by the Germans and under the noses of the German sentries he demolished essential parts of whatever machines he found there. The soldiers said they were working under orders from the French military authorities. But they would not tell us which. That, they said, was a secret.

Another group of French soldiers who refused to surrender were using an army petrol tank car as an armoured vehicle, and with this they used to sally forth on raids into villages occupied by isolated German posts.

They did not attack the Germans. They just took their food at the point of the machine-gun and their ammunition, and then returned to their hideouts. The Germans let them go. They did not want any trouble. I was amazed to see how dispersed and isolated many of the German posts were. It would have been easy to organise a movement against them.

Once, after we had changed into civilian clothes, I found myself in a little town among a crowd of French soldiers just at the moment when two Germans arrived to take it over.

The Germans gave the Hitler salute. Many of the French mutely raised their hands in reply. No one made a move against the Germans. There was no one to lead them.

But there was great bitterness against the Germans everywhere. The peasants were angry because there had been a good deal of looting, mostly of champagne and bicycles, but also, as at Saumur, of clothing. A German platoon in Saumur paraded the streets in stolen pyjamas.

One old French peasant told me how his last pig had been taken by a German soldier, who gave him a chit for it. When he presented the chit to the Kommandantur for payment they laughed and threw him out. He showed me the chit. It said: "Ein gutes verkel fuer einen guten Bayern." A good pig for a good Bavarian.



The most difficult part of our escape was crossing the rivers. We used to wait in the bushes till a good moment came to rush across the big motor roads. But the Paris-Bordeaux road we couldn't cross at all. There was continual German traffic on it. In the end we found a culvert which ran underneath it, and through this we crept to the other side.

The Loire, too, was closely guarded on both sides.

But just as we were giving up hope we came across a little hut. Through a window we could hear the B.B.C. news in French being broadcast. A forest guard was inside listening to it with his wife and three little girls.

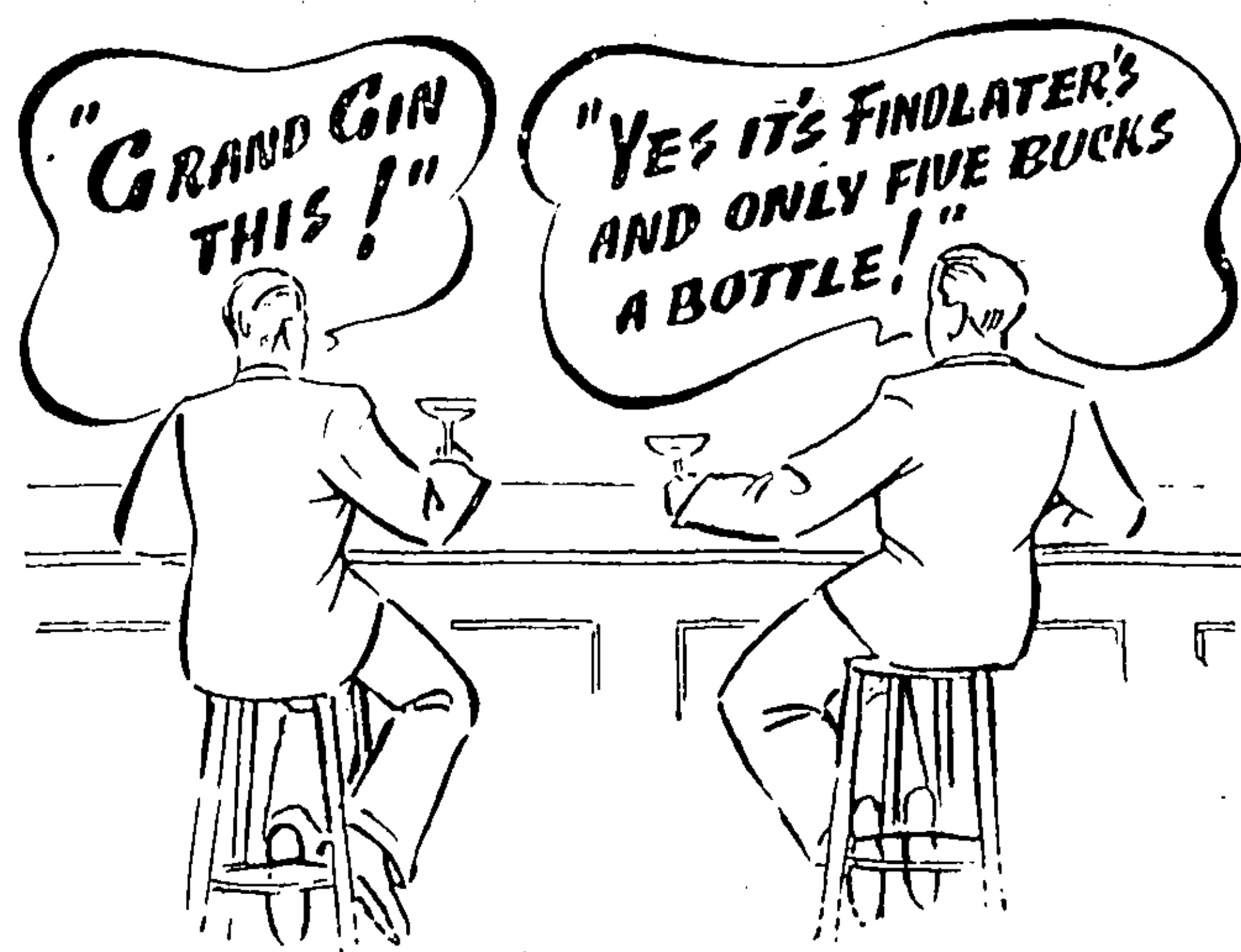
He took us across the river in his rowboat and led us across fields and woods for another seven hours.

On the fringe of another wood, just before nightfall we met an old peasant woman. "Come in boys," she cried. "Come in and have something to eat and drink. Only an hour more to go from here and you'll be shut of the Germans."

That night there was a wild storm. And under cover of the rain and thunder and wind we crept through the forest past the German sentries, who were huddling in their dugouts, across the border line into unoccupied France.

At Chatillon we saw the first French soldiers with rifles we had seen for three weeks. We had marched 450 miles on foot and we felt it.

Lieut. Litynski continues his story to-morrow.



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FRANCE WILL NOT SURRENDER A SECOND TIME

SINCE THE German terms were first presented to the French Government, five main factors have combined to mitigate their original crudity, and it is believed that something in the nature of a compromise is now under discussion at Vichy and in Paris. These are:

First, growing public resentment against a second capitulation to Germany and Italy, especially the latter. This is unmistakable, and is reported reliably from both occupied and unoccupied France, so much so that it has been found necessary to forbid the reproduction of the Free French programmes from the B.B.C., which had become a practice in cafes and other resorts.

Secondly, the Colonial demands are by their very nature unforceable, and any attempt to apply them at the present moment would play into the hands of Gen. de Gaulle.

Italian Insistence

Thirdly, there is the imperfect co-ordination of German and Italian claims. The Italian Press is openly urging its territorial demands and abusing the French. It is believed that one of the chief subjects discussed between the two dictators at Florence was the best way of harmonising German and Italian terms.

While the Vichy Government hesitates, sudden invasion of the Department of the French Alps and of Savoy and Corsica might well set the whole country aflame. Serious neutral observers put the proportion of pro-British sympathisers as high as 90 per cent, and such an act might turn sympathy into support.

It is believed that Mussolini has been prevailed on by Hitler to move cautiously and to engage in talks beforehand with the most pro-Fascist member

ADMIRAL LEAHY SAILING FOR VICHY

Admiral Leahy, new American Ambassador to the Vichy Government, will sail on board an American cruiser from Norfolk, Virginia, en route to Vichy via Lisbon accompanied by his wife, announced the Admiral after a farewell visit to President Roosevelt in Washington yesterday.—Reuter.

of the Vichy Government, Laval. There are, however, signs that he is impatient and reluctant to wait.

Fourthly, the attack on Greece is regarded in France as incompatible with suggestions that the main purpose of the Axis is peace.

Fifthly, there is the extent of the German military demands, which have caused Gen. Huntziger, Minister of War, to leave for Paris.

Dissensions at Vichy

The result of the merging of these various trends has been to divide the Vichy Government still further, as shown by the denial—somewhat too complete—issued by French diplomats abroad that any lessening of French sovereignty will be accepted.

The reported resignation of the Secretary-General of the French Foreign Ministry, M. Charles-Roux, who was for many years Ambassador to the Holy See, means that one of the most distinguished and honourable of France's diplomats feels unable to accept Laval as a chief.

Messages from Vichy state that France will not admit that any French naval base or any unit of the French Fleet will be used against Britain. This, it is learned on good authority, is the definite answer made by the French to the Germans at the Hitler-Pétain meeting.

Vichy's forthcoming agreement with Berlin will be of much narrower scope than is generally believed on the Continent. The new Franco-German cooperation will apply chiefly to economic problems, French industries consenting to work for Germany and granting preferential rights to the Reich. Other clauses are:

French prisoners will be liberated.

Germany will agree to evacuate part of occupied France south of the Loire, and also perhaps the Paris left bank.

A corridor will be granted to the French Government for its communications from Paris to Orleans, but the Germans will retain all the coast down to the Spanish border.

No territorial concessions have as yet been discussed. This agreement will only be a preliminary to a definite peace treaty envisaged for the end of the war.

H.K. APPEAL FOR WAR ORPHANS

The Hong Kong Annual Orphanage Appeal Committee, has issued an appeal for generous public support, pointing out that since the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese hostilities the number of homeless refugee children has increased everywhere in China and relief work has become a problem of great importance to-day.

With the advent of the war in China, the influx of these destitute war children into this Colony from time to time has assumed a grave magnitude which deserves our urgent and sympathetic attention.

Of late, various efforts in the direction of providing free food and shelter and vocational training have been attempted by the community of Hong Kong to alleviate the suffering of these little ones. The most noticeable work of this kind are the Rural Home & Orphanage in Taiipo and the War Refugee Children's Industrial Home in Aberdeen each having under its care over 100 children. These two institutions were established and are being maintained with funds subscribed mostly from abroad; one being largely dependent on contributions from Christian organisations in England, while the other being supported by similar bodies in the United States and Canada. Due to their rather limited financial resources, however, they have not been able to extend their activities on a bigger and more comprehensive scale.

The present relief measures, while commendable, have been hardly adequate to accommodate the increasing number of war orphans seeking the sanctuary of Hong Kong. The "South China Christian Education & Industrial Association for Homeless War Refugee Children" has been lately organised to co-ordinate the activities of the above institutions and to further the work for the care of war orphans.

At a recent meeting the Association has decided to appeal to the public for donations towards the goal of \$50,000.

It is proposed that \$10,000 or more will be appropriated to make up the deficit in the budget of the said two institutions for the coming year, as the war situation abroad precludes the prospect of continued support from sources on which these institutions hitherto relied. The balance of funds to be raised will be used to provide new accommodation for 200 more orphan boys and girls. This accommodation will be provided either by enlarging institutions or by inviting the Salvation Army to supervise a new home whichever proves the more economical and efficient plan.

It would be hardly necessary for us to stress the important nature of this kind of relief work. Our aim is not only to give these unfortunate children food and shelter but to educate them and to give them the rudiments of vocational and moral training. Thus the youngsters would have an opportunity, which they would be otherwise deprived of, to learn and to become good citizens in future. We appeal to you for your kind support, and we feel sure we could count on your generous assistance to this worthy cause. Please remember that every dime you contribute would bring sun-shine and hope into the faces of these desperate little ones who have suffered through no fault of their own, and their hearts will overflow with thankfulness for the kindness and comfort you have brought into their life in the hour of misery and despair.

We shall gratefully appreciate donations which may be sent to the South China Christian Educational & Industrial Association for Homeless War Refugee Children, 24 Wing Lok Street, Hong Kong.

MURDER CHARGE

Leung Po-ling, 20 and Yip Hoi, 25, were charged with the murder of Chan Cheuk before Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon this morning.

Accused were originally charged with wounding but the charge was amended this morning, Chan having died in hospital yesterday.

One week's formal remand was ordered.



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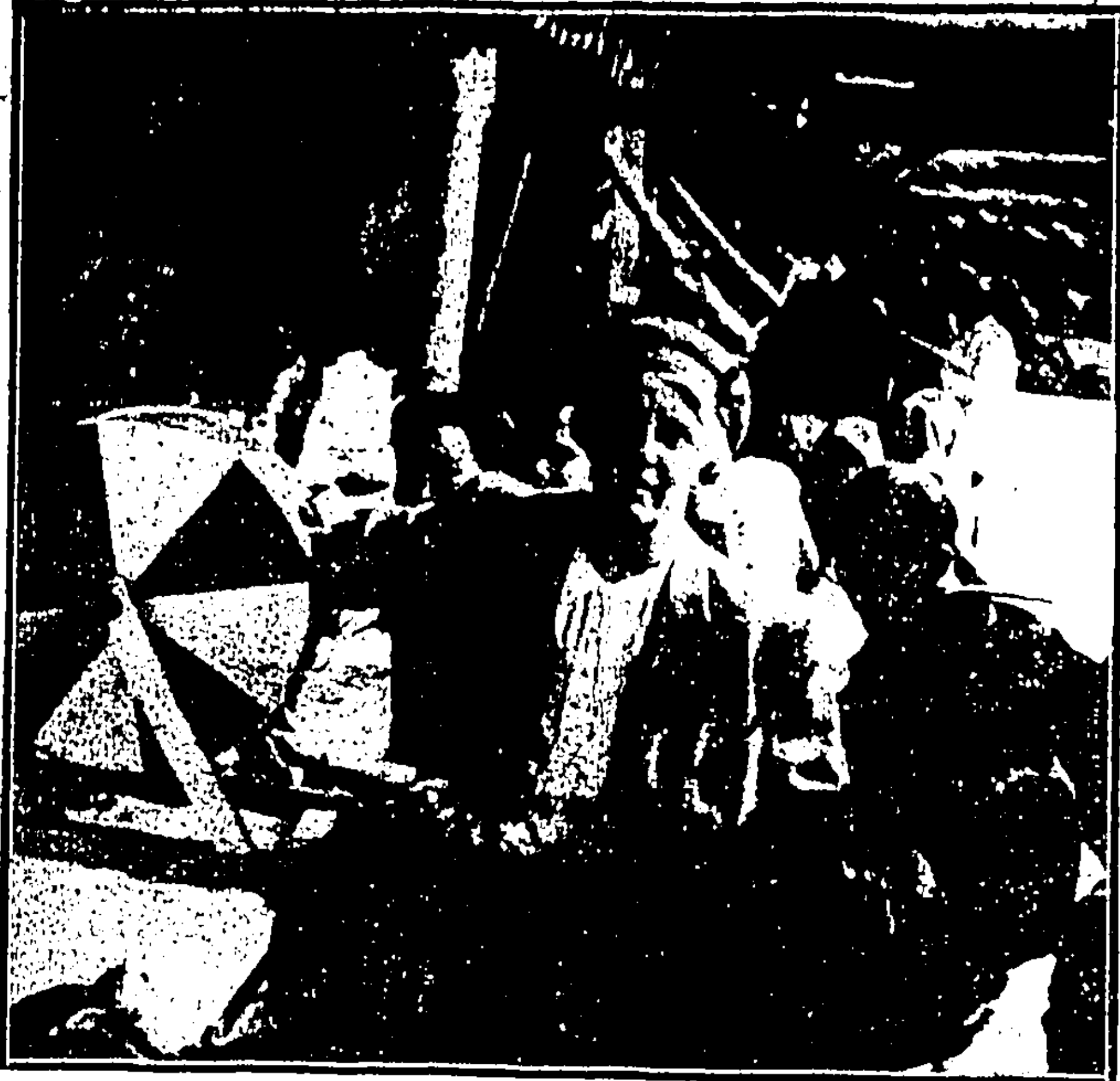
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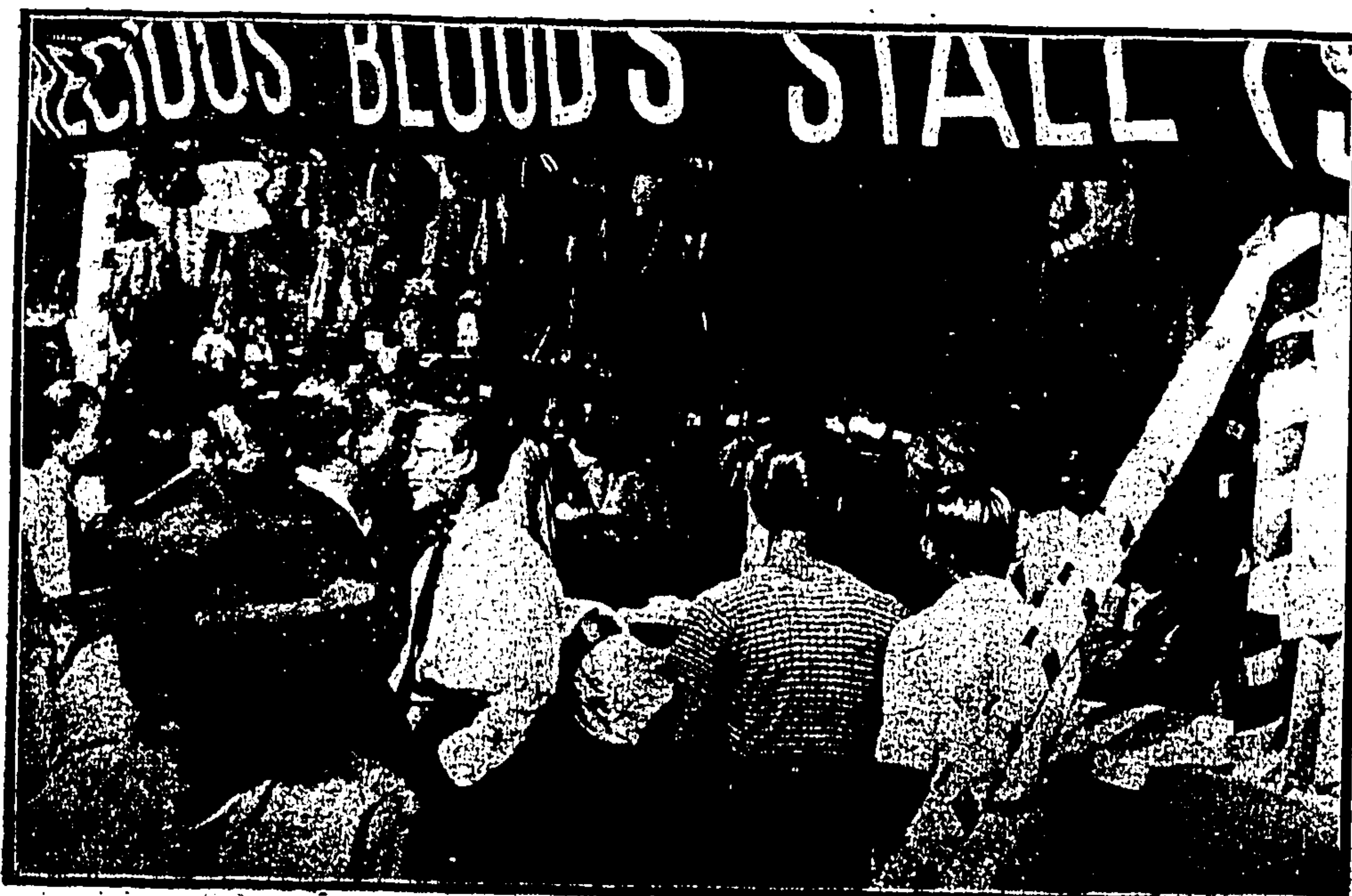
Local Charity Bazaars



Snapped at one of the stalls at the Parochial Bazaar.



Mgr. Valtorta declaring open the Parochial Bazaar at Tung Lo Garden.



The Precious-Blood stall at the Parochial Bazaar of St. Vincent de Paul on Sunday.



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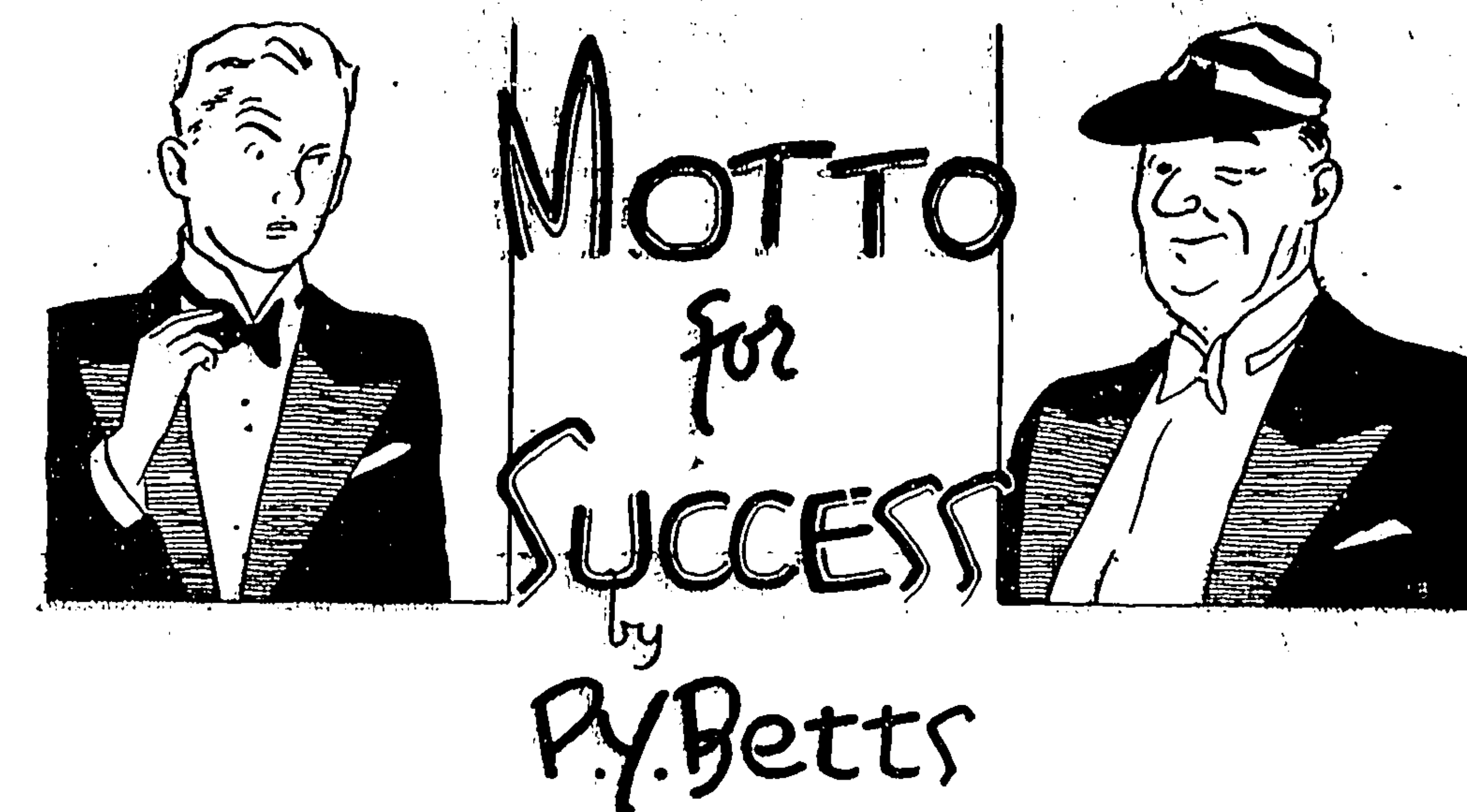
PERCY Bones had always desired to shine, but personal distinction had been denied him. He had, in his time, desired to shine in almost every way—among the other children as a runner or a spinner of tops, at school as a scholar, and in the various jobs he had tried, as a go-ahead young chap with a future; in all these ways he had desired to shine, but his brightest and most constant desire was to shine socially.

Percy Bones would have liked to be liked—not just not disliked but actively liked and sought-after, welcome to drop in at any time at lots of houses and aware that even in his absence people spoke well of him and went about saying what an awfully nice chap Bones was. His ambition was to be the life and soul of the party, and to have dewy-eyed girls looking up at him with parted lips and telling him he was a one and imploring him, amid trills of delighted giggles, to give over or he would be the death of them. He had known of several such fortunate men and had observed with a painful envy the success which they enjoyed. What was the little something, he had so often asked himself, which they obviously had and he seemed to lack?

It was true, that his appearance was perhaps against him—or rather that it was not exactly for him, for he was not positively ill-favoured. He was obliged to admit that his was not the sort of face and figure they use for advertising hair lotion or high-class tobacco, yet at the same time he could not fail to notice that far uglier men than he often had far better fun. After the first shock, people did not care much one way or the other about what a man looked like so long as he was able to compel their attention. Once you had got people interested enough to take notice of you you were well on the way to being the life and soul of the party. The difficulty was to get people to notice you at all.

Percy Bones had done all the things, of course. He had joined a social club. He had joined a rambling club. He had rambled until his feet felt as if they had been bastinadoed, and he had been sociable until his face ached with the fixity of his smile; yet still success had not come his way.

"What are you doing for Christmas, Mr. Bones?" people at the social club would ask him during conversational pauses towards the end of November, just as earlier in the year people at the rambling club would ask him during conversational pauses what he was



doing for Whitsun. The answer was always the same: nothing special, just spending the holiday quietly at home. And what, Percy Bones would inquire brightly, were they doing?

Oh, they were going away. Friends had invited them down. Five of them were motoring down in Bob's car—a bit of a squash, but it all made more fun, mucking in together. Though, of course, a quiet Christmas, or a quiet Whitsun or Easter, as the case might be, took a lot of beating; that is, if you liked that sort of thing.

If you liked that sort of thing, Percy Bones didn't like that sort of thing. Christmas in lodgings—who in their senses could like that sort of thing? The sort of thing that Percy Bones liked was parties, nice friendly parties with everybody liking him and listening to him and hanging on his words. He had never actually been to a party like that, but always at the back of his mind harboured the vision of this ideal party to which he would one day be bidden, and where he would shine like the star on the wand of the fairy on the top of the Christmas tree.

This year it looked like being the same.

"And what are you doing for Christmas, Mr. Bones?" asked Miss Haver, a new member with whom Percy Bones happened to be thrown together for a few minutes at the winter social of the rambling club.

"Oh, nothing special. I think I shall spend it quietly at home this year," he said. Before Miss Haver had time to respond with the remark that there was nothing to beat a quiet Christmas, their conversation was interrupted by the arrival of young Larkin, the popular man of the club, to claim a dance with Miss Haver who, as Percy had been quick to note, was a personable young woman.

He had no further speech with her that evening, but some ten days later he was surprised and delighted to receive from her a note, addressed him in care of the club, and forwarded on, asking him whether he would care to accompany Miss Haver to a small Christmas party given by some friends of hers on the other side of the town on Boxing Night. It would be quite informal. There would be coffee and sandwiches. There was a convenient bus that would take them almost to the door. Would he let her know by the telephone as soon as possible at her office?

In a ferment of pleasure he rang up her office at nine o'clock that morning, before she had so much as arrived. Half an hour later he rang her office again. He spoke to her then. Yes, he would be delighted. Delighted. Absolutely delighted, Miss Haver. It was not till some time afterwards, when the first flush of his excitement had cooled a little, that it came back into his mind that though her voice had sounded polite, it had not sounded thrilled.

It was at the lack-lustre hour

Several couples were treading an immobilised foxtrot by the gramophone at one end of the room, others were playing some paper game that consisted in identifying cryptic pencil sketches pinned on to the backs of the other guests. Nobody pinned a sketch on Percy Bones's back or indeed took any notice of him except to shake a plate of sandwiches with curled-up edges under his nose from time to time. He hung about on the fringes of groups, joining in the laughter at rattling fine jokes whose point he had missed because the tellers had their backs to him. One man particularly, a tall fat man with a shiny face and a green paper jockey cap was, in the eyes of Percy Bones, insufferable. It was plain as a pikestaff that he was that envious and imitable type, the life and soul of the party. Percy Bones, retired now to a corner of a settee under the pretence of looking at Christmas cards, watched him with loathing.

The man took the floor in front of the fireplace. With his loud voice and butcher's presence, little by little he drew the attention of the other guests upon himself. He was the rallying point of the evening, the life and soul of the party. He whisked a large yellow silk handkerchief out of his pocket.

"Anybody know this trick?" he asked. "Anybody here know how to pass a tumbler full of water through a handkerchief without up-setting the tumbler or making a hole in the handkerchief?"

He looked about him questioningly. Nobody did, of course. He could count on nobody's knowing. With a look of fatuous complacency on his face, the fat man spread the yellow handkerchief on a table, set a brimming glass of water on the handkerchief, waved his hands and muttered an abracadabra, smirked knowingly at his audience, gathered the four corners of the handkerchief together raised them—raised them—and there, preposterously, sitting by itself undisturbed upon the polished table, glistened the tumbler brimful of water.

"What d'you know about that?" cried the fat man. "Eh? Eh?" He



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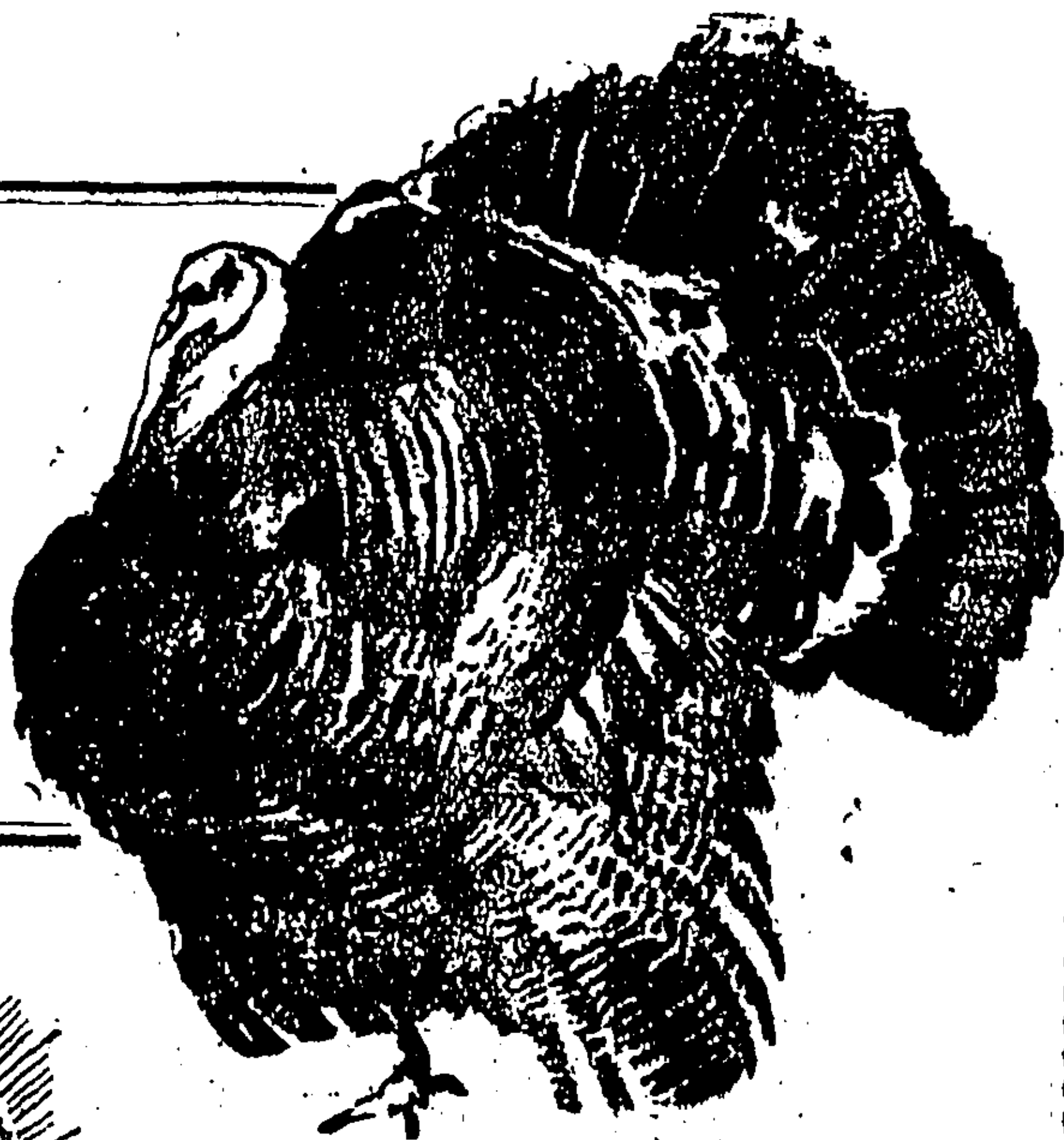
vited to the party. He knew. He knew. He knew all right. He was being made a convenience of. He turned over in his mind the possibility of withdrawing his acceptance and leaving them in the lurch, and for perhaps twenty minutes he pretended to believe that he was not going to the party, that he had his pride and was simply not going. But in his heart of hearts he knew all along that he could not really bring himself to deny himself this party and that in the end he would be tamely accompanying Miss Haver on the long bus ride to the other side of the town; and so he was.

During the journey Miss Haver's manner, though polite, was hardly warm, and as soon as they reached the house she was engulfed in a laughing crowd of overheated people already flaunting paper hats. Percy Bones was perfunctorily introduced to one or two guests, who promptly left him flat and was soon left hovering, eking out a ham sandwich and a glass of port. All the other people seemed to know each other.

stood back with his stomach stuck out and received the applause. "And now I'll show you another little trick," he offered. "Not at all a bad little trick. Quite simple, of course. A child could do it. All I need is a pack of cards and a young lady to hold the cards so that everybody can see what's going on—fair and square and above-board, that's me. Now what about you holding the cards, Gladys? Eh? Come on, don't be shy, they won't bite and nor will I!" And there stood Miss Haver, giggling with embarrassed pleasure, holding a fan of cards facing the company while the fat man, the party fellow, stood behind her and reached over her shoulder and picked out by magic, it seemed, whichever card the audience named. The success of this trick was terrific. The fat man was patted on the back. More drinks were called for. People changed paper hats with one another. A new box of crackers was opened. The funny man put on a false nose. Alone in his corner, Percy

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Before The Big Push

Night Raid On Italian Post

From this hidden desert position on the outskirts of Sidi Barrani between midnight and dawn this morning I watched infantry and artillery of the British advance striking forces go into action in the first big desert raid since Italy's westward push.

While shell-burst and flying tracer-bullets flared across the moonlit sky, Highland troops made repeated bayonet charges against Italian posts on the towns outskirts, scattering the enemy before them. Clearly across five miles of desert I could hear the Libyan soldiers manning the posts shrieking as the Jocks chased them back to Sidi Barrani.

In this long spectacular raid which took the enemy completely by surprise, more than a score of Fascist native auxiliaries were killed and one prisoner was taken. Italian mechanised transport, including six heavy lorries, and water-cars were destroyed by our soldiers hurling Molotov cocktails.

Enemy Posts Held For Hours

Our men took several posts protecting Sidi Barrani and held them for several hours until the raid was completed. Then they returned to our positions, bringing back booty in the shape of guns, ammunition and equipment. The British losses were one soldier killed, one missing and four slightly wounded.

No sound came from Sidi Barrani. Occasionally one of our scouts crawled across the sand to reconnoitre the Italian positions, and once a Highlander colonel got within a hundred yards of the nearest Fascist post, heard the enemy troops talking and returned unmolested.

The infantry attack which was preceded by a three hour barrage by our artillery some distance behind, began at 10 p.m. when the moon was shining fitfully through

a heavy haze. From our position we watched Highlanders, tin-hatted and with bayonets fixed, their dusty faces now grim in the half light, receive final instructions and then with their heads hunched down, begin their slow stealthy advance in spread-out formation towards the enemy. Silence settled over the desert, broken only by fitful gunfire from our batteries and a desultory reply from the Italians.

Then suddenly a sound of shouting filled the air, and clearly across the desert natives could be heard screaming. A doctor standing beside me said, "That's the Jocks making their first bayonet charge. They've orders not to shoot until the last possible moment." The men were obeying those orders. A babel of voices came across the desert, but for more than an hour no shots sounded as the Highlanders methodically went about their job of taking over the enemy positions, annihilating the men holding them or sending them running back into Sidi Barrani.

It was an very sixty minutes for us staring into the blackness wondering what was happening. Then at midnight all hell was suddenly let loose as the Italian batteries in Sidi Barrani realised that a raid was taking place. Huts in the town and great expanses of sand were lit up as shells from five Fascist batteries pounded at the dim figures of the grim, methodically working British soldiers. For us it was like watching a battle-scene at the cinema as shells burst and tracer-bullets

criss-crossed in the sky and as spouts of flame from rifles and machine-guns began to be seen from all sides.

Fired on Their Own Men

Though it was obvious that many of the forward Italian posts were still being held by their own men, the Italian batteries in Sidi Barrani did not hesitate to turn their shells upon them in the hope also of destroying British troops. Then the garishly lit desert became even more fantastically

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bright as the Italians opened up with weapons usually reserved for the aircraft—"flaming onions"—firing great balls of multi-coloured flame that silhouetted the figures fighting as they burst among them. But these spectacular shells seemed to travel so slowly through the air that they never seemed to hit either the posts or the soldiers at which they were being fired, and the Highlanders carried on investing the machine-gun posts, cleaning out nests of Libyans and chasing those who escaped.

It was 4.30 in the morning when the first batches of Jocks began arriving back at the starting point to find a padre captain waiting for them with a movable canteen presented by the Church of Scotland, so that they had a cup of tea all ready for them. It was from these men that I got the full story of the battle. Many had had remarkable adventures. Split up into groups and led by officers and N.C.O.s each attacked a different

post. They soon found that every post was held by Libyan soldiers, and that there were no Italians in the forward lines.

They crept on their stomachs to within a few yards of each post. The attack began when a burly Scottish sergeant leaped to his feet, crying, "Go on, boys. Let's away in and get them." The Highlanders leapt into the posts and cut down the first men before the terrified Libyans had a chance to realise what was happening. Then began a four hours general melee as British soldiers went from post to post cleaning out the enemy. One by one the posts were taken over by the British rearguard as the forward line soldiers chased the fleeing shouting Libyans.

One of these advancing Highlanders, a 22 year old native of Glasgow, found he had chased the Libyans too far and was cut off with 30 native troops around him. Swiftly he threw off his helmet, went up to the Libyans and pretended he was a native soldier and accompanied them to a rear-post.

Unrecognised in the darkness he was put on guard and remained there for two hours before seizing the opportunity to slip away and regain the British lines.

Just Grunted

I asked him what he did when the Libyans addressed him. "Just grunted. It seemed to go down well enough," he replied. Like the rest this soldier returned to the base with his arms loaded with rifles and ammunition which he had captured from the Italian posts, each one of which had been stripped and destroyed before our men returned. Most of the Italians' mechanised transport in the front lines was destroyed by a party of men led by a young subaltern who had orders to try

and approach the posts from the rear. He and his men succeeded in creeping in through the enemy lines and reaching a post where eight lorries were parked in lines. Only two Libyans were guarding them and they quickly seized them.

"They call us the demolition squad," said the subaltern. "And we were carrying pickaxes and Molotov cocktails as well as our rifles. We did a pretty good job slashing the tyres and breaking the cylinders of five lorries, a petrol lorry and a water-cart. Then holding our prisoners tightly, we crept back and hurled our Molotov cocktails at the lorries. Seven distinct pillars of fire suddenly rose out of the blackness. It was a marvellous sight and the boys loved it. But it soon attracted the attention of the Italians, who despite the fact that we were behind their own lines, turned their heavy guns on us and raked us with fire. It was pretty hot shooting and made us a bit uncomfortable. So we grabbed our Libyans and with a little persuasion got them to crank up the remaining lorry. Then we climbed in, putting one Libyan in the driving seat . . . and off we drove. But not for long. The Italians sighted us in the firelight and opened up with tracer-bullets which smashed through our roof and windscreen inches from our faces. So reluctantly we got out and smashed up this lorry too . . . and then we rushed through the barrage of fire and successfully regained our lines. We were pretty late and everyone was a bit surprised we'd returned. But you cannot stop Jocks."

We climbed back into the convoy just before dawn, and began the journey back, to our forward positions. . . . As I lie in my sleeping bag in the open desert I can hear batteries of guns thundering not far away, but whether it presages a new British attack or an Italian counter-attack it is not yet possible to say.

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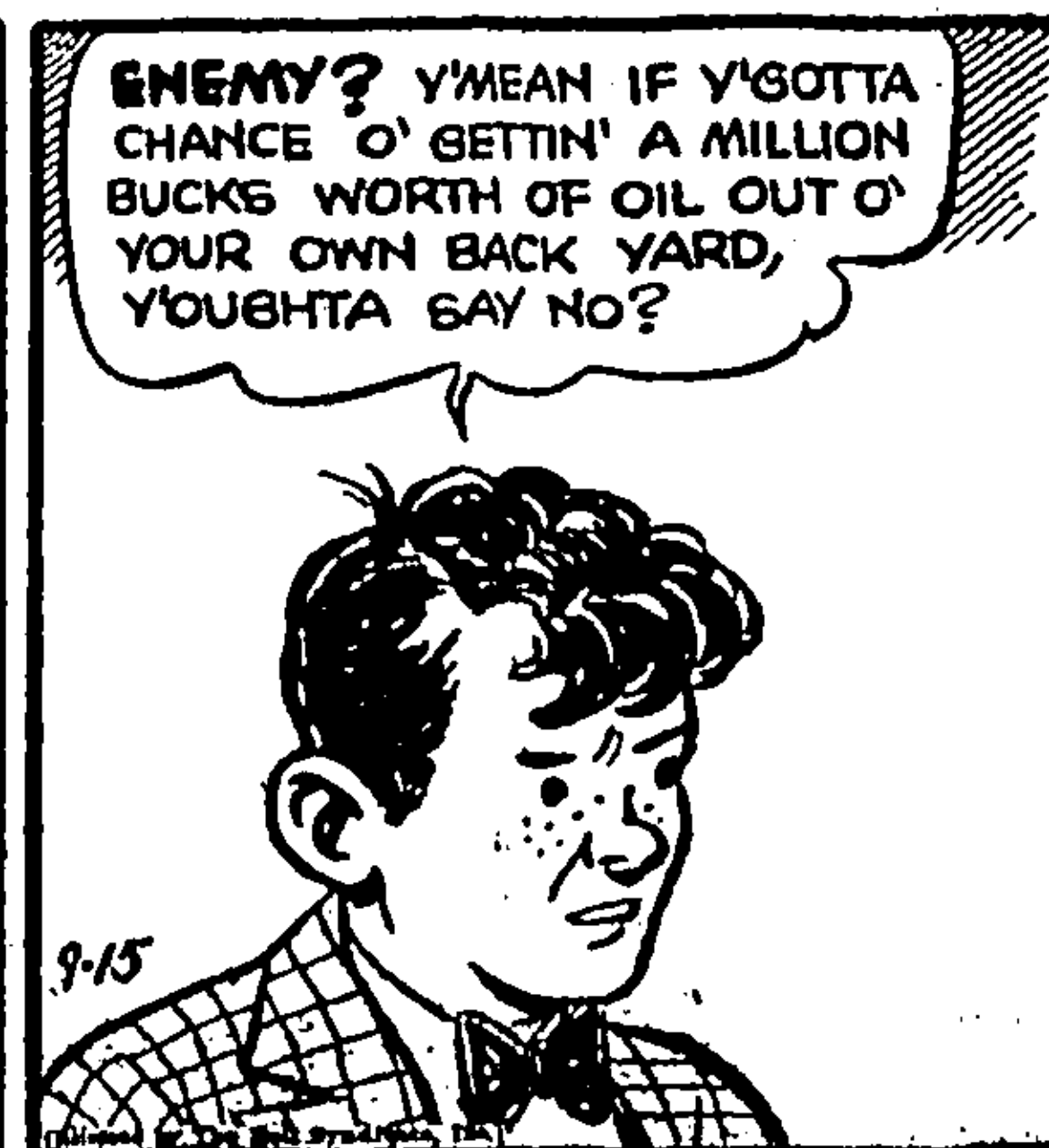
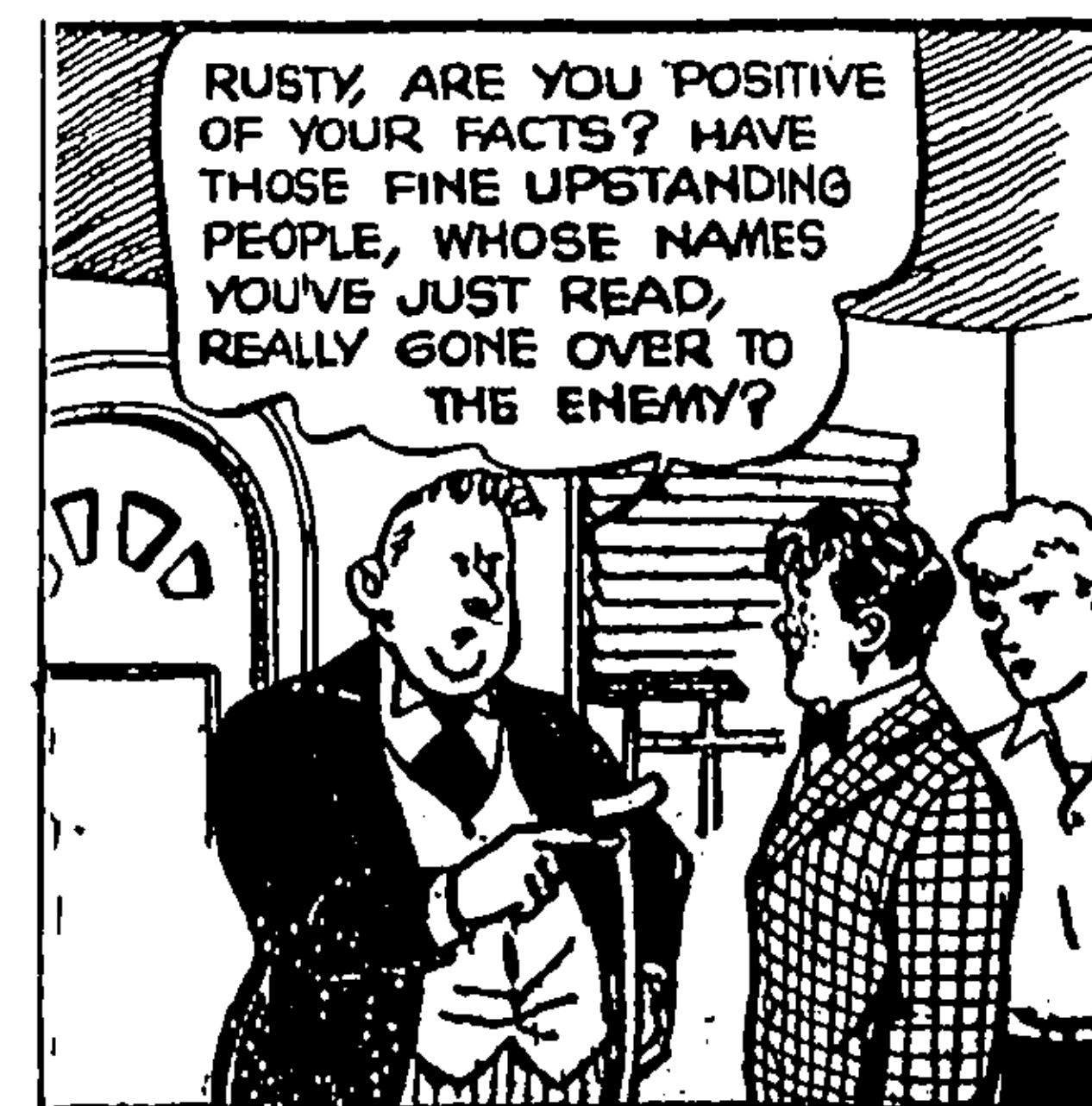
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MOTTO FOR SUCCESS

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Bones watched the party going with a swing without him — ignoring him. Something boiled in Percy Bones.

"What about another trick, Alf?" somebody suggested.

The fat man laughed.

"Well," he said, "if you all really want me to, I don't mind showing you."

"I know a good trick," said a voice, surprisingly loud and hitherto unheard, from the settee in the corner. "I'll show you a very good trick." The voice was slightly tremulous, but it had something commanding in it almost threatening a queer tone, you would have thought, to be heard at a party. People paused, and listened. They turned and looked with interest at Percy Bones. Percy Bones stood up.

"You get a length of string," the fat man was saying. "You get hold of a length of string," he repeated, in a louder voice. But they were not listening any longer to the fat man. They were listening to Percy Bones, and looking at Percy Bones as, rather white but with shining eyes, Percy Bones moved over to the front of the fireplace. "This," he said, "is not really a trick at all; it is a demonstration of clairvoyance. If there are any people in this room who are sceptical of the genuineness of occult phenomena, will they please leave

the room while this demonstration is taking place, as their presence may cause unpleasant psychical vibrations."

"He's a medium," someone whispered. Nobody left the room.

"What I am going to do," continued Percy Bones, "is to ask you to blindfold me as heavily as you wish, and when you are completely satisfied that I can see nothing that is going on in the room, to pull a cracker. There will probably be a printed motto on a piece of paper inside the cracker, and if you will hold this piece of paper in front of my bandaged eyes and tell me the first and the last letters of the motto, so that I can tune in to the proper vibration, I will read the motto out loud to you—by clairvoyance. But please satisfy yourselves first that the blindfolding is as effective as you can make it," concluded Percy Bones in an aloof and disinterested voice. He stood with folded hands, waiting for them to blindfold him.

There was a good deal of nervous giggling. Nobody moved to begin with. Then a young man stepped forward and bound Percy's eyes firmly with the yellow handkerchief, which was lying on the table. "This scarf too," somebody else suggested, "just to make sure." He felt it being tightened, none too gently, round his temples.

"Now see what you can see," remarked with a trace of malice a voice which he recognised as the

fat man's, and immediately there was a deafening crack! as a cracker went off a few inches from his left ear, and at once another crack! a few inches from his right. Roars of laughter went up all round him. He felt slightly dazed with the noise and the excitement. "Read me the first and the last letters of the motto, please," he said quietly.

A strange voice answered.

"M is the first and the last is R," it said.

"M and R?"

"That's right."

"There was silence, broken by a little snortle of giggling, quickly suppressed. Percy Bones stood with bent head, concentrating. Perhaps ten seconds passed. Then he threw up his head, he threw back his shoulders and in a clear and ringing voice he declaimed: "Mistrust new friends who coax and flatter."

Tried comrades are the ones that matter."

"Good Lord!" It was the fat man's voice.

"Let me see the motto myself," came Miss Haver's voice, then: "Well I never!"

"Best trick I ever saw," said someone else.

"That was no trick," remarked a third voice, a woman's. "That was second sight."

"And the second cracker I heard you pull? What are the first and last letters of the motto in that?" asked Percy, still blind-

folded.

"That's right! Try him with another."

"The first letter is F and the last is U," they told him. This time the answer came without hesitation:

"From beyond the ocean blue Your fate is drawing near to you."

"Never seen anything like it!"

"Uncanny, I call it."

"Let's pull another cracker." "O.K."

Crack! Crack! went the crackers. Crack! Crack! Crack! It was the trick of the evening, the trick of the season, the trick of a lifetime. Crack! Crack! and never a single mistake never so much as a falter in the voice of Percy Bones.

They kept it up until all the crackers were pulled. Then they took the bandage from his eyes. He felt the soft hands of women round his brow and ears as they loosened the bandage. His eyes, opening to the bright light, had a dazzled look, as if returned from gazing on a far-off country. There was a kind of hush. Then Miss Haver said:

"You must be worn out, Mr. Bones. Come and sit down and have a drink."

Another girl, a tender blonde, brought him the drink as he settled back on the settee; but now he was no longer withdrawn into a corner. The settee was now the focal point of the room. It was the fat man with his cards and tum-

blers of water that was forgotten now.

"I had no idea you had such gifts!" exclaimed Miss Haver, looking deep into the eyes of Percy Bones. "A proper dark horse, that's what you are," she said.

"You must come along to our New Year's Eve party next week," cried another woman, rather breathlessly, as if afraid this treasure might be snapped up before her eyes.

The blonde just sat and looked at him. Her eyes were dewy, her delicious lips slightly parted with wonder.

"Oh Mr. Bones, you are a one!" she murmured.

Percy Bones woke late in his lodgings the next morning. His head pained him, but the pulse that beat in it was not so much the pulse of a physical malaise as the heady pulse of bliss. Then he remembered. He had become a social success overnight.

With the weak but thankful gait of a convalescent, he tottered out of bed and into his clothes. There was a knock at his bedroom door. Elsie the housemaid entered with a cup of tea.

"I thought you might like a cup of tea, Mr. Bones," she said shyly, "after your late night. And here's a letter for you, Mr. Bones," she said. She watched him open the letter and read it.

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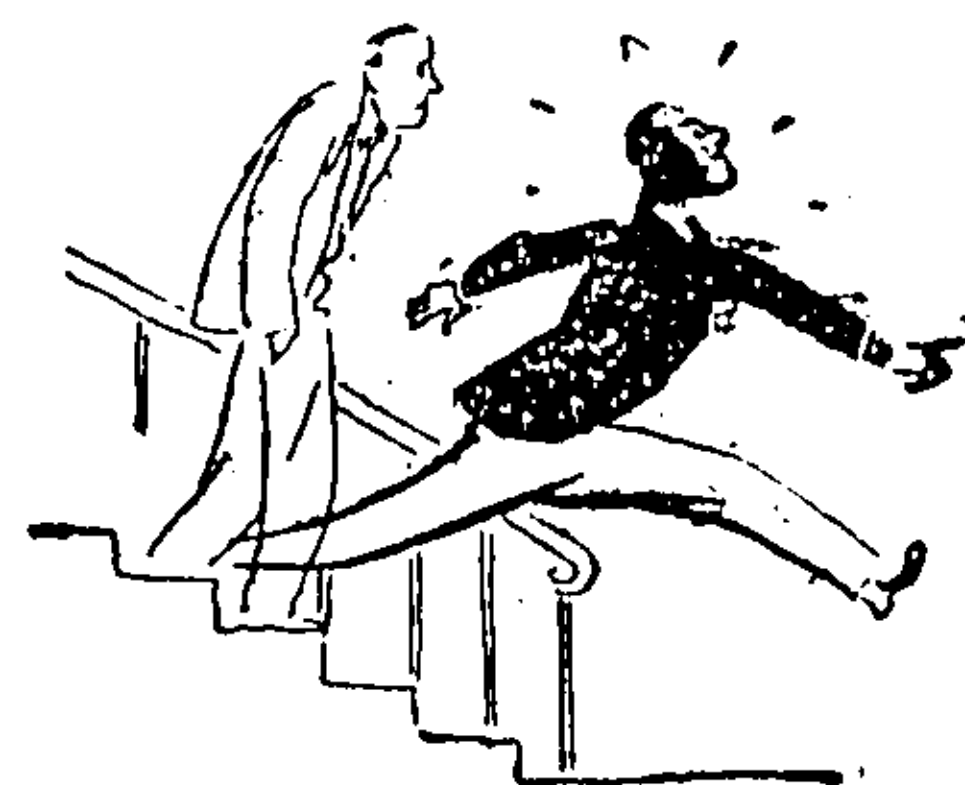
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"Good news, Elsie," replied Percy Bones, sugaring his tea.

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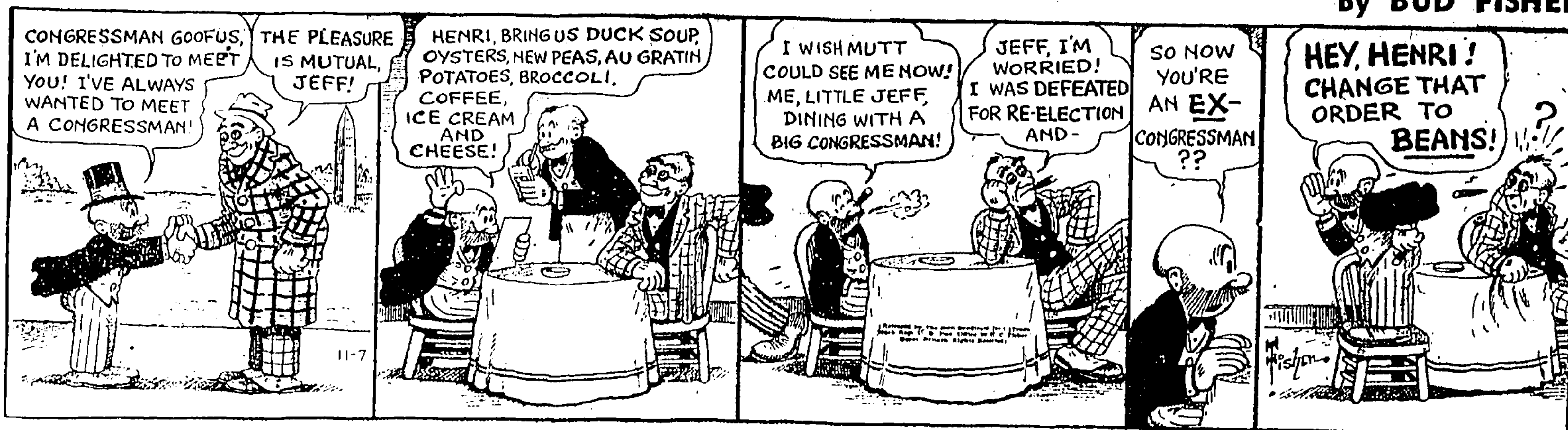
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Key Make-up to Clothes

This year women may wear about anything and be in fashion, for there is such a variety of creations that it is difficult to make any hard and fast rules about choice of materials, fullness of skirts, length of waistline and degree of décolleté. All we are certain about is that all the creations were made with a slender figure in mind so if you keep nicely proportioned you may wear anything that suits your type.

Because of this style dilemma the cosmetic firms have been forced to offer a wide choice of make-up colours. There are the rich, dark reds for lips and nails, with powder to blend nicely, and then there are the brilliant, clear reds, a russet shade or two and an occasional purplish lipstick. Each lipstick, of course, has its companions properly hued—face powder, rouge, nail polish, and eye make-up.

There they are for your selection. The thing to do is to point up your day costumes with one set of make-up which lends a pretty accent to your complete grooming, and then select another set for your more formal clothes, or party clothes.

Test What Colours Do

In town, you most likely will want to wear the newer deeper shades of make-up. Somehow those almost black-reds make eyes look brighter and skin more fair. But they look hoydenish with sports clothes and a natural landscape. Reserve them for your night life in town, or your late afternoon tea dates.

The clear reds, soft true rose, russets and purple make-up are mixed to blend with the colours so popular during late autumn—rich greens, odd browns, inky purples, the already popular Indian Summer, and the new colour horse—midnight blue. But you cannot buy one of these shades at random and expect it to do something for your general ensemble. Take time to test the shade on the back of your hand and look at it in the broad daylight. Artificial light at cosmetic counters are deceiving—if you are going to wear it during daylight hours, look at it in daylight!

Don't Match Skin

Once beauty advisers used to tell you to key your make-up to your skin tone. This is no longer necessary. It is better to key



This youthful belle applies a new soft red shade to her lips because it harmonises so nicely with her soft green outfit.

your make-up to the colours you wear (taking for granted that you select colours to complement your natural colouring), and then rely on a foundation cream of a shade which will give your skin a tone which will blend beautifully with the make-up harmony you have chosen. Even a light skin lady can appear two shades darker by using a deeper make-up founda-

tion lotion or cream and matching powder to it.

There is fun in making a pretty face these days. No artist had more colours to work with. But I must caution you to apply all make-up artfully so that pretty face of yours will look natural to others even though it has required twenty minutes or ten to make it ravishingly beautiful!

Is Your Scalp Excessively Oily?

Scalp conditions are frequently deceiving. You might think you have a very dry scalp when actually you have an oily condition. For unless the entire length of the hair becomes oily the day after a shampoo one is inclined to think that one's scalp is too dry if the hair is being unmanageable and lacks a healthy lustre. But according to a leading scalp specialist the ends of the hair can be brittle and dry and the scalp itself too oily—so this is how to judge.

If your hair becomes oily near the scalp three days to a week after a shampoo, it is excessively oily. Other indications are dry brittle ends, dandruff, temple hair becoming sparse, and the colour of hair fading. Very, very oily scalps make the entire length of hair greasy looking a day or two after a shampoo.

What To Do About Condition

This specialist warns that the oily scalp should not be shampooed but once in SEVERAL weeks for weekly shampooing only aggravates the condition as it causes the tiny oil glands to become relaxed and spill over on the surface of the hair instead of normally flowing into the hair shaft.

It is suggested that the scalp be kept clear by a special preparation for oily scalp which is astringent and tends to keep the too-relaxed oil glands closed. This is done by parting the hair and

rubbing the scalp with a bit of absorbent cotton wrung out of the special preparation. Thus your head is kept clean between the soap and water shampoos.

Every single day the hair should be brushed—even though that sounds contrary to reason. But the brushing actually does help normalise the condition and it is a mistake to feel that oily hair will be made more oily by brushing.

When the hair is washed, one should use another special cleanser which clears the scalp of loosened cuticle before the liquid shampoo is applied.

If your scalp is excessively oily you might try this routine: Every three weeks, or once a month, shampoo your hair. Between shampoos keep your head clean as suggested and your hair well brushed. In two months time the condition should be greatly improved.

During those two months you should also refrain from eating fried foods, rich pastries or other sweets, and fatty foods. Drink plenty of fresh water each day, exercise in the open air if possible (otherwise indoors) and get plenty of sleep. Try to dry your hair in the sunshine while you are treating it. Get plenty of sleep and avoid worry or nervous strain as you would the plague! For overstimulation of the nervous system is one of the known causes for this unfortunate scalp condition which robs any head of its rightful beauty!

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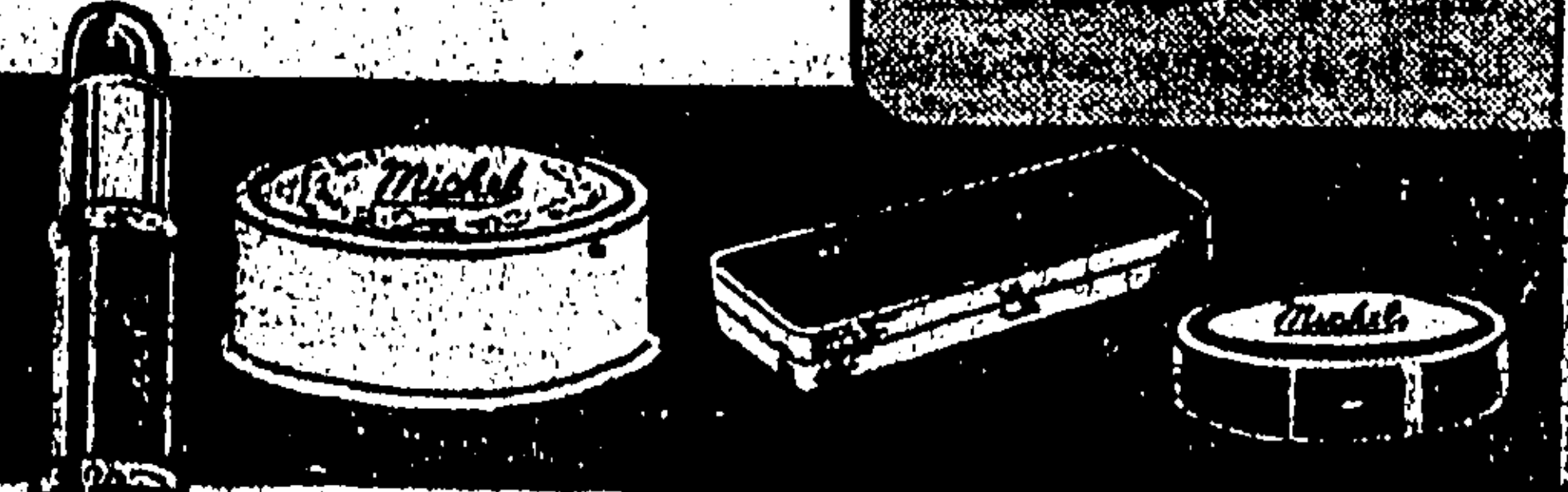
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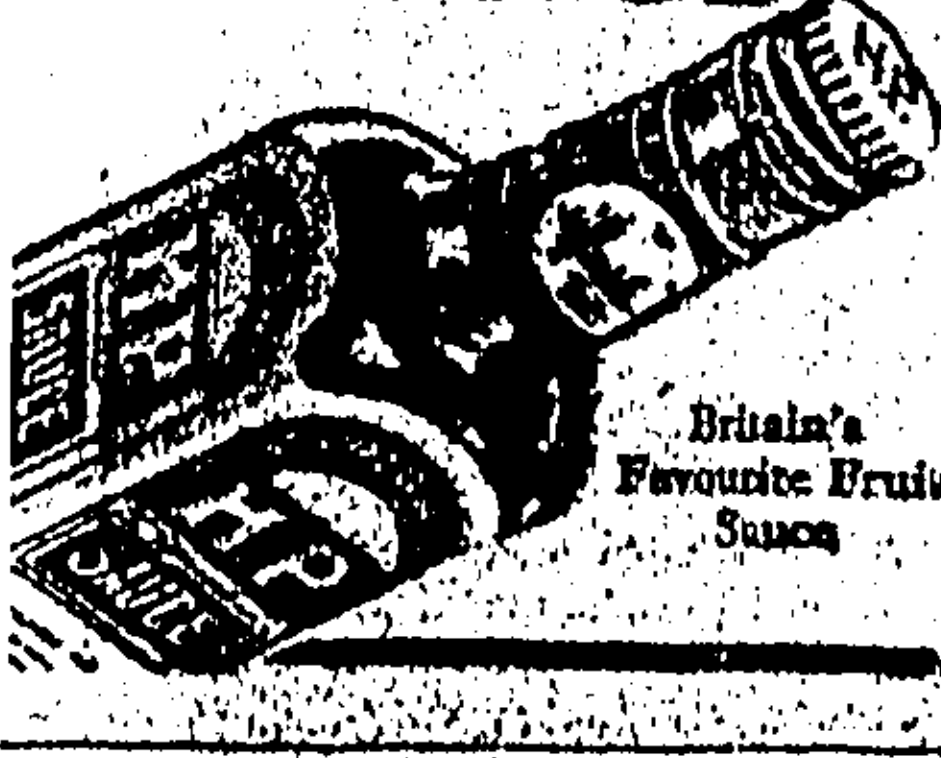
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VISIT TO THE NAZI BOMBERS' GRAVE

PEOPLE WHO find it difficult to credit the staggering successes of the R.A.F. ought to be shown the graveyards of the Nazi aircraft we have destroyed, writes a special correspondent.

I went to one of these graveyards to-day, and the scene was unique. Here lie the remains of enemy bombers which came to shower death on women and children, and were shot down in the process. With them lie crumpled Messerschmitts.

You have to come to a gigantic scrap heap like this to appreciate the bringing down alone of 188 enemy aircraft on one day and 48 on another. Not all of them, of course, reach the dump. Some disappear for ever in the Channel; others are blown to bits; others, again, may come down in places not easily accessible. But the majority come in the end to the dump, to provide solid evidence of the destruction we have wrought.

Stricken Dornier

The colossal accumulation of wreckage speaks for itself. I looked at the big wing of a Dornier, with its black and white cross standing out forlornly.

Nearby were German aircrews that had been twisted into fantastic shapes. Some of the blades even had bullet holes through them.

Smashed fuselages, bits of cupolas, retractable undercarriages, odd wheels and tyres, all figured in a collection of junk which contained a high proportion of sheets of strong metal. It had for the most part been concentrated as if it were tissue paper.

My guide pointed to a rough piece of fused metal resembling a heavy lump of clinker. "That is a common enough sight here," he remarked. "When the machine has caught fire the heat reduces parts of it to a blackened mass." What had once been a beautifully formed radiator is now revealed as a poor shrunken thing with the honeycomb tightly pressed into a solid block.

Daily Addition

As I wandered round, a goods train pulled into the siding about 100 yards away. Each of its long line of open trucks was loaded with a fresh consignment of crashed aeroplanes. These trains arrive so regularly that the giant heaps are added to daily.

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Ingots of this kind have helped to make many new Spitfires and Hurricanes in recent months. And many more will follow.

BOY SAVED FATHER

When an incendiary bomb fell on the bed in which he was sleeping, twelve-year-old Joe Chown, of a south-west village, thought first of his invalid father, who was in the next room.

Having got his father to safety, Joe got a bucket of earth, returned to his bedroom and coolly put out the blazing bed. "Sparks were flying near my eyes and the glare was terrible, but the earth got the better of it," he told a reporter.

Officers and men and their girl friends were dancing in a road-house in the same district when a shower of incendiary bombs rained down.

One fell on the roof of the ball-room, but was safely removed by a naval officer guest. The dancers were unaware of what had happened.

THREE INDO-CHINA TOWNS BOMBED

In retaliation for French attacks the Thai air force has bombed Vientiana, Savannakhet, Sisophon and Siemreap, in Indo-China, according to a communique issued in Bangkok yesterday.

Bangkok radio announced that three important towns in the province of Cambodia were heavily bombed.—Reuter

POLICE GUARD CONVICTED

Convicted of impersonating a police officer, Wong Kai, 40, police guard, was fined \$100, or three months' hard labour, by Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon this morning.

According to the prosecution, accused approached a hawk on Sunday at Taikoktsui. He said he was a police constable and asked for some "tea" money after accusing the hawk of possessing stolen coal. The hawk asked defendant to wait for him to get the money and reported to the police, who arrested accused.

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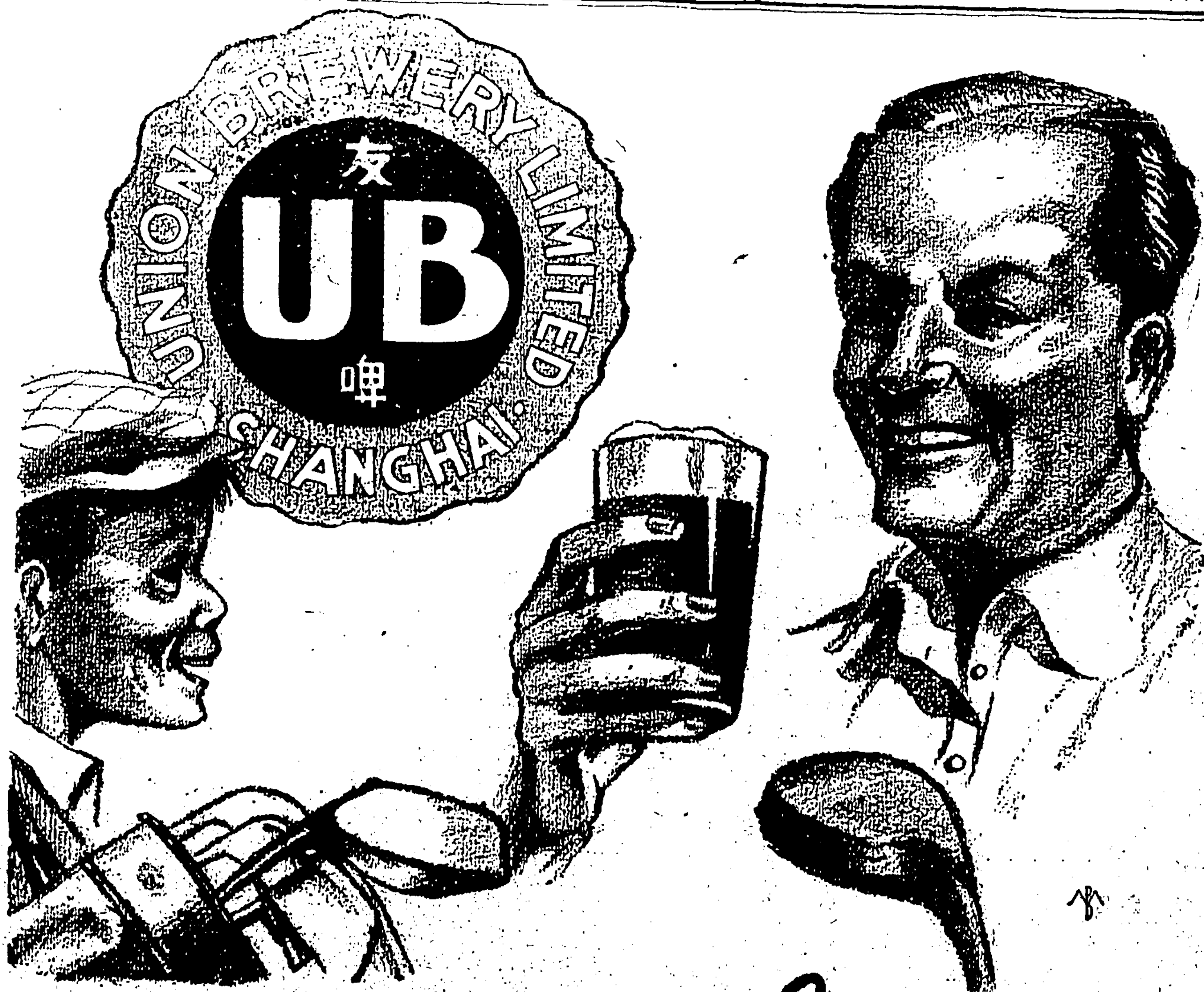
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THE TWENTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Head Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Saturday, 21st December, 1940, at 12 o'clock (Noon), for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the financial year ended 30th September, 1940, and electing Directors and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS AND REGISTER OF SHAREHOLDERS will be closed from Monday, 28th November, 1940, to Saturday, 21st December, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

NOEL BRAGA, Secretary.

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By ED REED



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EVACUATION REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE

PUBLIC MEETING

A public meeting of those interested in the Evacuation Representation Committee will be held at the Peninsula Hotel on FRIDAY, December 27, at 6 p.m., to receive a statement from the Committee in connection with the reply to the Petition submitted on November 22.

F. C. CLEMO, Hon. Secretary.

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BRIDGE NOTES

CRACKING DOWN By The Four Aces

When you play against optimistic opponents, it's a good idea to wait patiently until they get themselves out on a limb; then crack down on them. In the accompanying hand, East felt sure that his over-aggressive opponents were over their heads because otherwise they'd have bid game instead of stopping short at three hearts. His double, coupled with a fine defence, netted a very handsome sum:

North, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

♠ K 9 8 4	♥ 5	♦ K 9 8 7	♣ A K Q 5
♠ Q J 10	♥ A 7 5 3	♦ A 7 3	♣ A 10 6 3
♥ J 6 2	♦ A 10 6 3	♣ J 10	
♦ Q 4 2	♣ 6 2	♥ K Q 10 9 8 4	♦ J 5
♣ 9 8 6 3	♥ 7 4 2		

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♠	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl.	Pass	Pass

West opened the Queen of spades, holding the trick. The suit was continued, and South ruffed the third round. Declarer led a

club to dummy's Queen and returned a trump. East ducked, and South won with the heart King. For lack of anything better, South then led two more rounds of clubs, East ruffing the third round with his low trump.

East then laid down the Ace of spades, and South decided to discard a diamond rather than ruff. West also discarded a diamond, where-upon East promptly cashed the Ace of diamonds and led another diamond for South to ruff. Declarer returned a low trump, allowing East to win with the trump Ace; and then another diamond lead made it impossible for South to shut out West's Jack of hearts. In all, South won only six tricks, for an 800-point set.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

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♣ Q 9 8 7

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Schenken	Jacoby	You	Maler
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♠	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid two no-trump. Your partner's "reverse" bidding indicates a hand substantially stronger than a minimum opening bid; and with your supporting strength a game is not too much to hope for.

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Question No. 594

To-day you are Merwin Maler's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

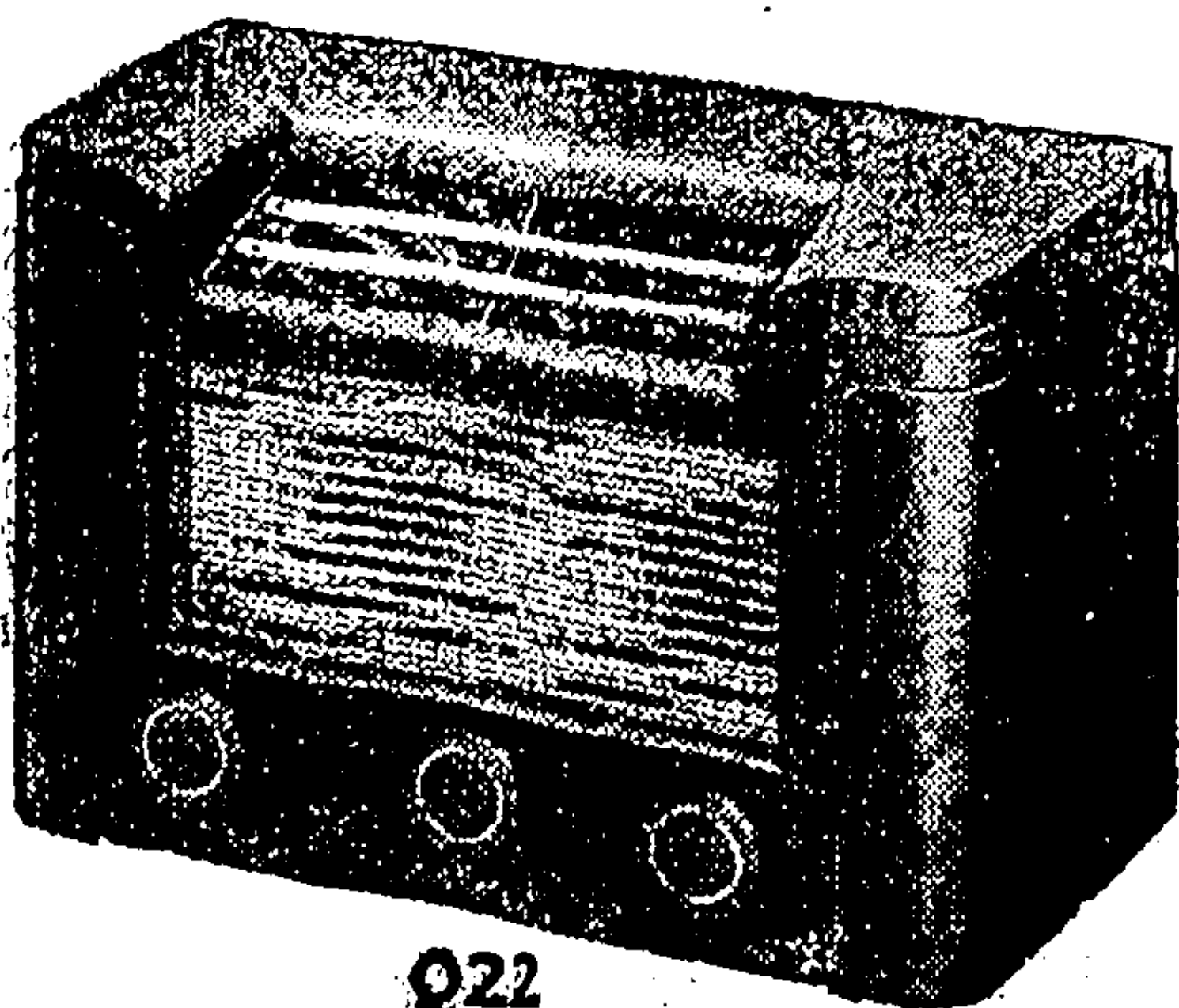
♠ 9 7 6 4
♥ J 7
♦ K 10 8 6
♣ K 9 7

The bidding:

Maler	Schenken	You	Jacoby
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♠	Pass	(?)	

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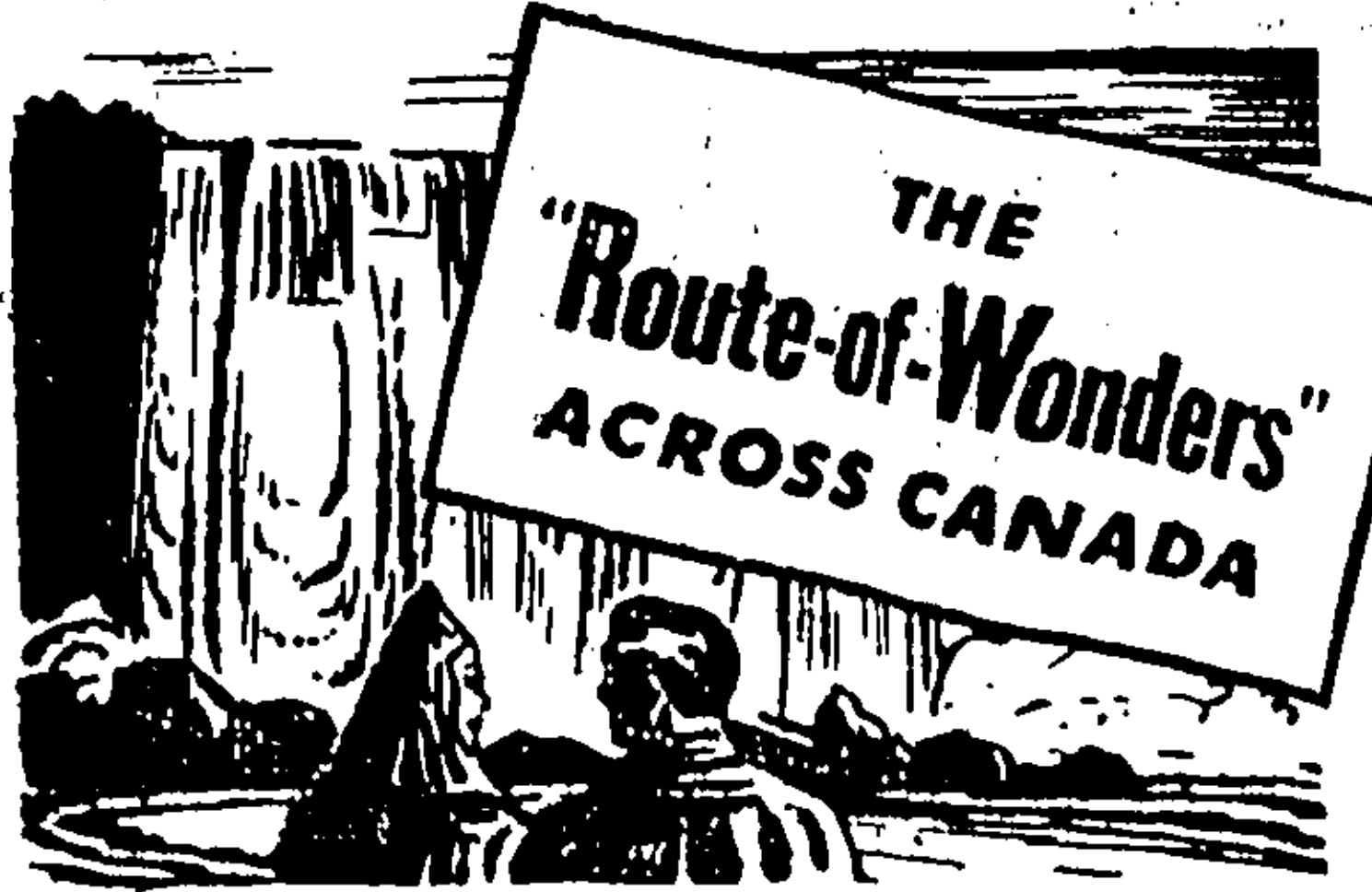
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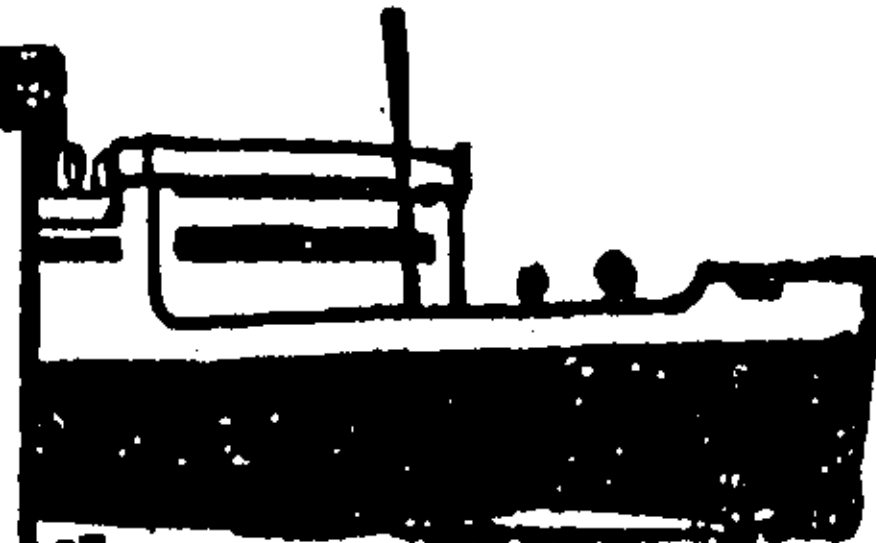
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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Lucienne Boyer (Vocal) and the Orchestra Mascotte.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Dance Music by the B.B.C. Dance Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Charles Kullman (Tenor) and Albert Sandler and His Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 p.m.—Dance Music by Henry Jacques and His Correct Dance Tempo Orchestra.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Variety Programme, with Primo Scala's Accordion Band, Gracie Fields, Arthur Riscoe, Azarola, Stanley Holloway, Jack, Warner, Al Bollington, Leslie Sarony, and The Mills Brothers.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

9.30 p.m.—Studio—Talk by Mr. D. J. Sloss on the Eastern Group Conference.

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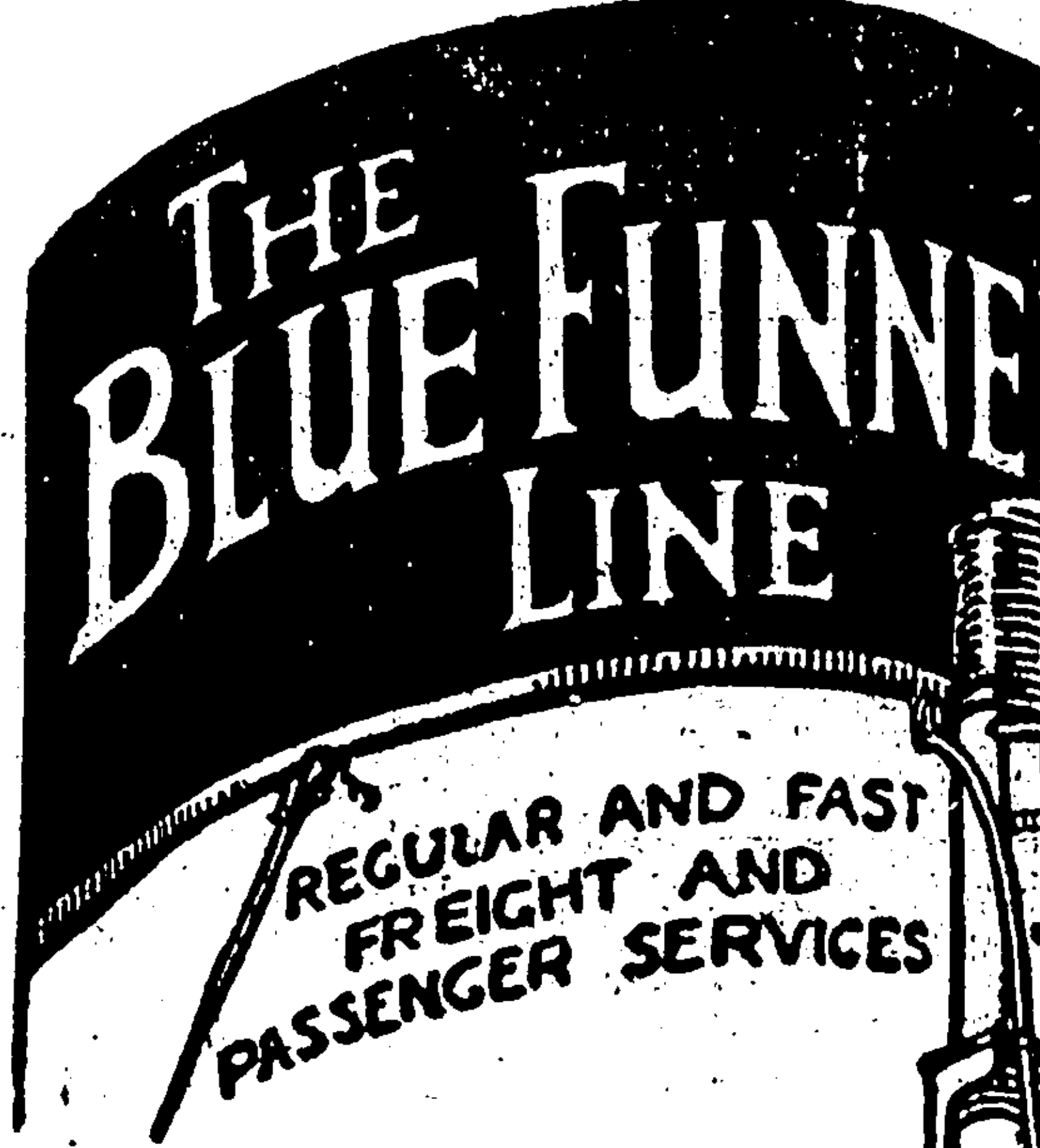
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Post-Summer Racing Review

Marber Stables Head List Of Successful Owners

Donald Black Proves A Worthy Champion Jockey

By "Rapier"

THE THIRTEENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING, HELD ON SATURDAY, WRUNG DOWN THE CURTAIN ON RACING AT THE VALLEY FOR 1940. IT WAS A FITTING CLIMAX TO A VERY SUCCESSFUL AND MOST ENJOYABLE YEAR.

In reviewing racing activity following the summer recess, one cannot but be impressed with the part the weather has played in almost every meeting. Ideal conditions prevailed throughout and this in itself was responsible to a great extent for the increased attendances, and cash sweeps naturally benefitted, most of the prizes being extraordinarily good.

The grass track was returned during the Summer vacation and the going on the whole was most satisfactory.

The officials of Hong Kong Jockey Club were again tireless in their efforts to cater for the comfort of their members and the public and in this connection the members' pari-mutuel counters were moved to the middle of the building and the wall, formerly behind the counters, pulled down in order to give more room. A new "Daily Double" counter to save the inconvenience of members having to cross over to the public stands for the purchase of these tickets was also installed.

Marber and Marber I combined were the most successful stables with 11 wins, followed by Messrs. Li Po-chun and T. K. L. with 9 wins each.

H.E.'s Interest

Since his arrival in the Colony, His Excellency Lieut.-General E. F. Norton, the Acting Governor, has shown great interest in racing and has attended several of the meetings, and I hope one day to see his colours at the Valley.

Turning now to the jockeys, Mr. Donald Black is to be congratulated on having again attained the coveted honour of being champion jockey.

He last attained this position in 1936. He had 37 firsts, 13 seconds and 20 thirds to his credit, with 84 unplaced outings. His championship title was assured after the Eleventh Extra Meeting when he scored four winners in the afternoon.

Mr. Chao was second with 31 wins, 24 seconds and 19 thirds, while Mr. Wei was third with 24 wins, 16 seconds and 19 thirds.

Commander D. H. S. Craven made his debut on the local course at the Eighth Extra Meeting and broke his duck when he piloted Eve of Hunting to win the Hunan Handicap (first section) on the second day of the meeting. He then went on to win again in the Langholm Handicap on Cheerful Star. If he stays here long enough he will become more accustomed to the course and should then be a force to be reckoned with on Australian ponies, on which he is already quite adept.

Mr. Treverton Graduates

Mr. G. Treverton graduated from the Novice Class on the commencement of the second half of the season when he brought in Strathbannock to a surprise win in the Island Bay Handicap (second section) and paid \$492.60 for a win.

Mr. Eric Moller's son, Mr. "Boonie" Moller, did not come down this year from Shanghai for the Hong Kong St. Leger, a trip which he has specially made in the last two years. This was probably due to the death of his father's pony, Satinlight, winner of the Hong Kong Derby in record time of 2:50-4/5 secs. Satinlight died of colic last June and although Mr. Moller, sr., still possesses Recylight and Spiclight, he must have judged that neither of them would have much chance. Messrs. Davis, Sung and Needa were the most successful jockeys in the classic events, the former taking two and the others one each.

A Record

Only one new record was established in the second half of the season, this being accomplished by Confusion Bay belonging to Mr. T. K. Li in the Hong Kong

Autumn Champions over the 1 1/4 miles distance, when it beat Burford the champion pony. The race was fought out at a terrific pace with the result that the record was lowered by two-fifths of a second. It was indeed a meritorious achievement and Mr. S. L. Sung, the jockey, deserves credit for the very able manner in which he handled his mount.

New Griffins

Among the China ponies, griffins of this year, one cannot be too enthusiastic as, due to unforeseen circumstances, one after the other of the top-notchers either died or went lame during the second half of the season.

When the Hong Kong St. Leger came along only two ponies, O-Lan and Dupont Bay, faced the starter.

Although it did not start in the Hong Kong St. Leger on account of last-minute lameness, on the strength of its second placing in the Hong Kong Autumn Champions on Saturday, Burford must still be regarded as the best during the second half as it beat O-Lan, the Hong Kong St. Leger winner, by half a length.

The next best pony in line of merit is undoubtedly O-Lan, which, as stated above, won the Hong Kong St. Leger and then came in third to Burford in the Autumn Champions. Craigavad must be regarded as next on the list on account of its win in the Gretna Green Handicap for "A" class ponies over six furlongs in record time. This record is unofficial, however, as the pony raced under weight for inches.

Dupont Bay did quite well to win the Hong Kong Griffins Cup and then come in second to O-Lan and Craigavad in the Hong Kong St. Leger and the Gretna Green Handicap respectively, losing on both occasions by the narrowest margin.

Distinctive Time and Resisting Time, both belonging to Mr. Li Po-chun, each had a win to its credit, the former in the Double Tenth Plate, and the latter in the Island Bay Handicap (first section).

Thirty Six, belonging to Numerals, won the Kwangtung Handicap for "C" class ponies at the Ninth Extra Meeting carrying 168 lb. and gave the lucky holder of ticket No. 265429, in the special dollar sweep, the handsome prize of \$168,112.00.

Blue Gate, belonging to Mr. Hung, did not race at the Annual Meeting and failed in the first half of the season, but it improved rapidly after the Summer recess

and won the Copshawholm Handicap (first section). Mr. Hung is unfortunate as this pony which obviously had a great future before it, has been declared over-height by the Official Measure and will be barred for racing next year.

Kentucky, belonging to Mr. C. F. Chiu, did not race at the Annual Meeting; it foaled during the summer recess and, on recovering, took part in the Norfolk Handicap, a race for novice jockeys, which it won with effortless ease to be immediately promoted to "B" class.

This pony should do well in the future as it is quite young.

Hillsboro Bay, after winning the Yunnan Handicap (first section) over the two-mile post, was not regarded as a long distance pony, but it almost sprung a surprise in the St. Andrew's Stakes over the Derby distance, only losing to Galaxy, the winner, by a short head. Jane Doe, failing in every race in which it participated, confounded its critics by winning the Copshawholm Handicap (second section) when ridden by Mr. S. W. Tang over the Champions distance to pay \$108.20 for a winning ticket.

Victoria, ridden by Mr. Pih, failed in the Island Bay Handicap (second section) but redeemed itself in the Yunnan Handicap (second section) which it won easily. In the Kwangtung Handicap, however, it was made firm favourite but could only finish second to Thirty Six.

Eve of Hunting (Mr. Craven), Hughber (Mr. Chao), Eve of Dancing (Mr. Wood) and Gay Star (Mr. Hearne) were other ponies of this season with wins to their credit.

New Australian Ponies

Sapper is undisputedly the best of the new Australian subscription ponies of this season. It won the Fremantle St. Leger and then went on to win the Queensland Autumn Champions.

Next to Sapper comes Far View which, although unplaced in the Fremantle St. Leger, had the better of Sapper in the Diamond Bay Handicap over the mile. Over short distances it is hard to beat.

Amicus Curiae did not have a win to its credit but should be judged third on its second placing to Sapper in the Fremantle St. Leger and a couple of other placings.

It will bear watching at the Annual Meeting over medium distances as it has improved. Viceroy has had two wins—the Vauluse Handicap for "B" class and the New South Wales Handicap for "A" class—and was third in the Queensland Autumn Champions. Under Mr. Black it should register further wins.

Income Tax also had two successes, its first when ridden by Mr. Wei in the Gosford Handicap when it dead-heated with Brown Derby in the "C" class, and the

other in the Nullah Nullah Handicap (first section) with Mr. Tao up, when it paid the second biggest dividend of the year, \$336.30.

Brown Derby, belonging to Co-coa, must be regarded as one of the most improved ponies as it won the Gosford Handicap in a dead-heat with Income Tax, in the "C" class, and later, carrying 162 lb., won the Katoomba Handicap, also in "C" Class. Promoted to "B" class it dead-heated for the first place with Pumpnickel in the Nullah Nullah Handicap (second section) and then won the New Bridge Handicap (first section) from the five furlongs post, confounding the racing public and paying \$77.70 for a winning ticket.

It was promptly promoted to "A" class and, although it appeared in the Jeddart Handicap over the mile, it was unplaced.

Cheerful Star, belonging to E. S. K., had two wins, the first in the Ballarat Handicap with Mr. Tao up and the second in the Langholm Handicap when ridden by Mr. Craven. This pony appears to have a great future ahead even if promoted to "B" class.

Piccadilly Jim, when owned by Winner, did not do as well as expected, but immediately the Lee Bros. took it over for \$1,500.00, it proved itself a long-distance racer, won the Queensland Handicap for "C" class and then went on to win the Canobie Lea Handicap for "B" class, both over two miles, the successful jockey on both occasions being Mr. Chao. This pony will be keenly watched when pitted against the best in "A" class over this distance.

Australian Diamond, after winning the Australian Ponies Autumn Plate over the Champions

distance with Mr. Wei up, did not score again although made hot favourite in the Jeddart Handicap when it was unplaced, and Caterick Bridge, which was discarded by the Dynasty Stable, was bought by Mr. C. L. Gregory at the Public Auction and scored its first win in the Queenscliff Handicap for "D" class.

Warrego River, under Mr. Black, had two wins to its credit.

Other ponies that have won once are Springhurst (Mr. Poy), Venus Bay (Mr. Needa), A Green Time (Mr. Proulx), Shuttlecock (Mr. Black), Maple Star (Mr. Yeung Wing-kwai) and Quick Despatch (Mr. Black).

Old Australian Ponies

Among the old Australian Subscription ponies I consider Baffin Bay the best on the strength of its win over the mile in the Jeddart Handicap for "A" class ponies that had not won \$3,500, and its second placing to Sapper in the Queensland Autumn Champions.

Regarded as a long distance pony it disappointed badly when, as second favourite in the New South Wales Handicap from the two mile post, it ran unplaced.

Lancashire Chips must be regarded as the second best although it had not a win to its credit. It was placed four times and was very unlucky not to win the Jeddart Handicap when ridden by Mr. Treverton, losing to Baffin Bay by a short head.

Pumpnickel (Mr. Proulx) dead-heated with Brown Derby for the first position in the Nullah Nullah Handicap (second section)

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Official Table Tennis Interport Starts To-Day

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FOLLOWING THE recent unofficial Interport table tennis match, in which Macao beat Hong Kong by the odd game in seven at Kowloon Cricket Club, it is now learned that an official Interport will be held over to-day and to-morrow, at Chinese Y.M.C.A., Bridges Street.

RACING

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for "B" class over the mile and was instrumental for a record "Daily Double" dividend of \$7,572.00. This pony led all round but, at the critical stage of the race, Mr. Proulx, the jockey, looked backward and by so doing gave Mr. Black, who was on Brown Derby, an opportunity of dead-heating.

Had it won, the single ticket-holder of this "Double" would have been richer by a further \$7,572.00.

Crilled, after having remained quiet for quite a long while, came into the picture by winning the New Bridge Handicap (second section) from the 1½-mile post, beating Contact with Mr. Needa up by a short head, and then going on to win the Dilatory Handicap over the mile by a short-head from Vixen Tor, Mr. Davis up; on both occasions it was ridden by Mr. Black.

(This article will be concluded to-morrow.)

D.B.S. BEAT MEDICALS

Playing at Home yesterday Diocesan Boys' School beat Royal Army Medical Corps by 7 wickets in a friendly cricket game.

R.A.M.C. 62 (Musson 28; Ebrahim 6 for 36, Hulse 3 for 10).

D.B.S.: 95 (Macauley 24, A. J. Hulse 36; Wyre 5 for 36, Bright 3 for 10).

The proceeds will be in aid of the Chinese National Women's Relief Association and the Interport has been arranged by the Hong Kong Chinese Table Tennis Association.

There will be a total of 14 games during the two-day programme, including seven for ladies, which will be contested to-night, with the men's matches to-morrow both series commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Previous to the matches spectators will be entertained with Chinese music, dances and Chinese boxing, following which the ladies' series will start.

The following are the selected teams:

LADIES'

Macao:—Cheng Shing-hin, Ho Shui-fun, Lee Ying-ngor, Law Sim, Shek Yim-ngan, Lau Tung-fei, Tai Chi-fong, Chan Kam-ing, Yeung Siu-hing and Chui Sau-wun.

Hong Kong:—Yeung Wai-bun (Capt.), Lee Kai-ying, Chiu Kiu-sum, Wong Oi-lan, So Yim-ying, Mok Wun-king, Lo Shiu-ting, Leung Chiu-kit, Lo Chiu-yim and Tsang Kwai-fong.

MEN'S

Macao:—Yeung Kam-chan, Cheng Kwok-wing, Luk Na-wu, Wong Wing-nin, Wong Wing-on, Leung Man-wun, Wu Kam-ying, Kwok Kwun-ying, Kwun Wing-po and Chen Shu-chung.

Hong Kong:—Lung Chak-fai, Li Chun-hang, Lo Kwai-sang, Wong Yip-sang, Wu Wing-shong, Yung King-wan, Li Cha-chiu, Lau Sik-shong, Chau Chan-kau and Luk Kwok-chu.

CHESS RESULTS

K. M. A. Barnett beat W. Lee and D. E. de Carvalho beat M. W. Olsuff in the Senior Tournament of the Kowloon Chess Club last night.

TWO games in the Small Units' Rugby Leagues were played at Sookunpoo on Tuesday—between Royal Scots 'B' and R.A.S.C., and Middlesex and Hong Kong Signals Company.

Royals are still one point ahead of Middlesex in the League, which will be decided when they meet in the near future.

The Royals beat Royal Army Service Corps by three tries (nine points) to nil after leading by six points at the interval. Bateman opened the scoring for the Scots, followed by Sims with a second try, and late in the second half Mackenzie scored the third. All tries were unconverted.

Middlesex beat Signals by two tries (six points) to nil. Capt. Man scored the Middles first unconverted try, and Lieut. Hancock scored their second a few minutes from the end of the game.

It should be a very good game to watch when Middlesex meet the Royals.

WEDNESDAY brought the end of the Small Units Football Knockout Competition. Headquarters Company of the Middlesex defeating 'D' Company of the Royal Scots by the only goal of the match scored in the last minute.

The Royals were more aggressive than their opponents and were unlucky on many occasions. The Middles scored their goal in the last minute when O'Mahoney first-timed the ball into the net after it had rebounded from the cross-bar from a shot sent in by Pearson.

At the conclusion of the game the General Officer Commanding, Major General A. E. Grasett, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., presented the winners with the Small Units Football Cup, and Cups, and the runners up with silver medals. He also presented the Referee with a Silver Whistle.

The Sappers are still winning in Second Division, and are the only remaining team in all League football not to have lost a game this season.

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADY"

The Service Corps are the highest goal scorers with 65 goals.

AT King's Park on Monday Middlesex beat the Royal Scots in the Large Units Hockey League by five clear goals.

Middlesex have a strong team this year, and it is a pity that they were unable to enter the Hong Kong Hockey League, which in my opinion they might have won.

Royals were completely outplayed from the start, and the goal scorers were Jackson, Bright, Meggidge, and Sheehan (2). Lieut. Fergus played a brilliant game for the Scots.

IN the first round of the Artillery Polo Cup, Middlesex were beaten by the Islanders by four goals to one.

The Middlesex polo team this year is having bad luck, and does not seem to be able to get going in any of the tournaments.

The Islanders started strongly and scored two goals in the first chukker through Major Hunt and Colonel Way.

In the second chukker Lieut. Hancock reduced the score, but the Islanders continued to dominate the play and scored two further goals through J. K. Bousfield.

Middlesex Regt.—Capt. T. W. Chattey, Capt. W. H. Chattey, Lieut. Hancock, and Capt. Fishbourne.

Islanders.—Major Hunt, Colonel Way, L. A. Lewis, and J. K. Bousfield.

To-day the Topkhamas will meet the Stooges at 4.30 p.m., the teams being:

Topkhamas—Capt. Munro, Major Trevor, Major Duncan, and Lieut. Fielden.

Stooges—Major Penfold, Capt. Atkinson, Major Fisher, and Lieut. B. R. Smith.

IN a friendly game at C.B.S. on Wednesday the Signals beat R.A.P.C. by one wicket.

The batting on both sides was not up to expectations.

Cricket of the Pay Corps and Pitcher of the Signals were the only two to make a decent showing. Chalcraft made 26 runs for the Pay Corps, and Cpl. Ingleby took seven wickets for 20 runs for the same team.

Pitcher made 31 runs for the Signals, and Dixon took 6 wickets for 29 runs, assisted by Murphy who took 4 wickets for 35 runs.

Some excellent bowling by Ingleby nearly won the game for the Corps. Ingleby returned an analysis of 7 for 20 in nine overs, including three maidens.

CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH

A charity football match in aid of Christmas comforts for Chinese inmates of the various hospitals will be held at 10.30 a.m. on December 22 on the Hong Kong Football Club ground, when the Health Division of the Medical Department will meet the Hospital Division.

There will be no fixed admission charge, but contributions will be gratefully received. The teams will be as follows:

Health Division.—Wong Wing-sum, E. J. Whitgob and E. T. Harris; M. E. Purvis, V. M. Benwell and Chung Wing-kwong; Dr. G. I. Shaw, R. A. J. Simpson, A. W. Fowler, A. W. Mackenzie and Leung Tak-wai. Reserves: E. D. Robbins and J. G. Hooper.

Hospital Division.—F. Angus; Dr. D. J. Valentine and K. I. Lau; G. Yu, J. Skinner and V. Leung; T. Pile, W. K. Lau, E. Hopkinson, L. H. Li and M. J. Zammon. Reserves: C. Haynes, Y. Hassan, W. Type, K. H. Pang and S. Cheung. Referee: J. F. McGowan.

SCOTS TEAM FOR "SUNDAY HERALD" CUP

Following have been chosen to present Scotland against China in the Semi-final of the "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup Competition on Christmas Day at Boundary Street.

Bankier (Royal Scots); Blackburn (Police) and Fraser (Royal Scots); Hutchinson (Kowloon), Falconer (Royal Scots) and Clarke (Royal Scots); Garrie (Royal Scots), Ferrier (Police), Hossack (Royal Scots), Howlett (Police) and Gilroy (Royal Scots).

Reserves:—Scott (Club), Gow (Club), Lam (Kowloon), Naysmith (Royal Scots), Marshall (Royal Scots) and Munro (Royal Scots).

GOLF STARTING TIMES

Following are Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanning:

SUNDAY		Old Course	
9.16 a.m.	Col. Rose, F. D. Hunter.	9.16 a.m.	Col. Rose, F. D. Hunter.
9.20	D. S. Edward, F. Greaves.	9.20	D. S. Edward, F. Greaves.
9.24	R. M. Wood, A. H. McBride.	9.24	R. M. Wood, A. H. McBride.
9.28	N. P. Fox, T. Lew.	9.28	N. P. Fox, T. Lew.
9.32	J. B. Harrison, L. A. R. Duncan.	9.32	J. B. Harrison, L. A. R. Duncan.
9.36	W. Stocker, D. L. Prophet.	9.36	W. Stocker, D. L. Prophet.
9.40	A. H. Penn, J. R. Collis.	9.40	A. H. Penn, J. R. Collis.
9.44	G. W. Behrman, R. R. Pearson.	9.44	G. W. Behrman, R. R. Pearson.
9.48	A. C. I. Bowker, S. A. Sleep.	9.48	A. C. I. Bowker, S. A. Sleep.
9.52	P. V. McLane, T. Megarry.	9.52	P. V. McLane, T. Megarry.
9.56	J. J. Van Mullen, J. G. Jensen.	9.56	J. J. Van Mullen, J. G. Jensen.
10.00	F. A. Redmond, K. S. Robertson.	10.00	F. A. Redmond, K. S. Robertson.
10.04	P. M. Cotton, B. O. Baldwin.	10.04	P. M. Cotton, B. O. Baldwin.
10.08	D. Humphreys, H. M. Rowland.	10.08	D. Humphreys, H. M. Rowland.
10.12	S. L. Lloyd, I. H. Geare.	10.12	S. L. Lloyd, I. H. Geare.
10.16	A. D. Humphreys, A. V. Greaves.	10.16	A. D. Humphreys, A. V. Greaves.
10.20	R. L. S. Webb, A. A. Bremner.	10.20	R. L. S. Webb, A. A. Bremner.
10.24	A. W. Bourne, W. G. Robertson.	10.24	A. W. Bourne, W. G. Robertson.
10.28	J. D. and J. M. Thomson.	10.28	J. D. and J. M. Thomson.
10.32	J. L. C. Pearce, D. I. Bosanquet.	10.32	J. L. C. Pearce, D. I. Bosanquet.
10.36	A. N. and Q. A. A. Macfadyen.	10.36	A. N. and Q. A. A. Macfadyen.
10.40	Lt. Col. Way, Capt. Roberts.	10.40	Lt. Col. Way, Capt. Roberts.
10.48	E. H. Williams, L. H. Calthrop.	10.48	E. H. Williams, L. H. Calthrop.
New Course		New Course	
9.24 a.m.	A. Sommerfeldt, K. S. Morrison.	9.24 a.m.	A. Sommerfeldt, K. S. Morrison.
9.32	J. E. Richardson, J. L. MacIntyre.	9.32	J. E. Richardson, J. L. MacIntyre.
9.52	E. G. Price, W. W. C. Shewan.	9.52	E. G. Price, W. W. C. Shewan.
10.20	A. T. Dow, T. Groome.	10.20	A. T. Dow, T. Groome.
10.24	F. A. M. Elliott, J. F. Robinson.	10.24	F. A. M. Elliott, J. F. Robinson.
10.32	R. H. Challinor, H. A. Mills.	10.32	R. H. Challinor, H. A. Mills.

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COMPETITION FOR TULSA'S SHIP'S COMPANY

By "Strike"

The U.S.S. Tulsa having returned to port, a very interesting Duck Pin Competition among the ship's company has been arranged.

Six teams of four players each from the first, second, fourth, fifth and seventh divisions, and one team of officers are competing and several matches have already been played.

Each team plays five three-game matches, and the two teams with the highest aggregate scores will then play off a five-game match to decide the winner. The winning team will receive a carton of Schlitz Beer very kindly presented by Messrs. L. Rondon and Company, Ltd.

The schedule is as follows providing there are no unforeseen circumstances such as duties etc.

Monday, December 16
1st Division v. 2nd Division
4th Division v. 5th Division
Tuesday, December 17
7th Division v. Officers
1st Division v. 4th Division
Wednesday, December 18
2nd Division v. 5th Division
7th Division v. 1st Division
Thursday, December 19
2nd Division v. Officers
4th Division v. 7th Division
Friday, December 20
1st Division v. Officers
2nd Division v. 4th Division
Monday, December 23
5th Division v. 1st Division
7th Division v. 2nd Division
Thursday, December 26
4th Division v. Officers
5th Division v. 7th Division
Friday, December 27
5th Division v. Officers

The first match of the series was played as per schedule on Monday. It was between First Division and Second Division, and resulted in a win for Second Division by no less than 166 pins, the scores being as follows:

Second Division—1104
First Division—938

Evans of Second Division was easily the top-scorer of the match, with 247, followed closely by Pierce, also of Second Division, with 281.

The remaining players on both sides were mediocre and only averaged from about 75 pins to 93 pins per game. Nevertheless the match produced a good deal of interest and keenness.

The average score per player for Second Division was 92 pins, and for First Division, 78.2 pins per game.

Win For Fifth

The second match of the series was also played on Monday, between the Fourth and Fifth Divisions, Fifth winning by 68 pins. It was expected that the experienced Drewes and Vasko, good Duck Pin bowlers that they are, would lead the Fourth Division to Victory, but they were not at their best.

Score:—

Fifth Division—1,165
Fourth Division—1,097

The star bowler of this match was Borg of Fifth Division with a brilliant 313—the highest score for both matches. His average was slightly over 104 pins per game. He registered two scores of over 100—a 102 in his second game and a useful 116 in his third.

Engle of Fifth Division, with 287, also contributed greatly to his side's victory.

Following Engle closely were Nichoff (also Fifth Division) and Vasko scoring 285 pins, while Koch of Fifth Division secured 280. Barney and MacLanahan for Fourth Division tied with 274.

Drewes of Fourth Division was evidently not in form, his 264 (lowest score of this match) being well below his usual standard.

Officers Beaten

On Tuesday, there were two further Inter-Divisional matches played. The first was between Officers and Seventh Division and resulted in a win for Seventh Division by 112 pins.

The scores were as follows:

Seventh Division—1,095
Officers—983

Holden, of Seventh Division was the shining light of this match, netting 316, and registering the only scores of over 100. He made 114 in his first game and 112 in his second.

ond. Secondary honours were shared between Barnard of the Officers and Bellof of Seventh Division, both netting 263.

I was agreeably impressed with the Officers' attempt, as I understand they have not taken part in Duck Pin matches before, and an average of 82 pins per player is not bad going. I expect them to do better in future matches as they became accustomed to local conditions.

The second match played on Tuesday was between Fourth Division and First Division, and resulted in a win for Fourth Division by 103 pins.

Fourth Division—1,153
First Division—1,050

Vasko of Fourth Division was the outstanding player of the match, making up for his poor effort against Fifth Division.

On this occasion he aggregated 336, the highest individual score thus far in the competition.

This figure was made up of three scores over 100—106 in his first game, 110 in his second and 120 in his third.

Drewes of the same team also did much better in this match than he did previously and registered 290.

The average per player per game for the Fourth Division

worked out at 96.1 pins and, for First Division, 87.5.

The highest aggregate score for a match up to the end of this match is held by Fifth Division with 1165, followed closely by Fourth Division with 1153.

Wednesday's Match

On Wednesday Fifth Division beat Second Division by 110 pins.

Fifth Division—1,146
Second Division—1,036

Koch of Fifth Division was the leading light of this match with a good 305, while his team-mate Peterson was close behind with 292.

On the whole it was quite a good match, the average for the Fifth Division being 95.5 pins per player per game (this is good bowling) and, for Second Division, 36.3, which was also pretty fair. Fifth Division bagged four good scores of over 100, Peterson registering 110 in his first game; Koch 112 in his first and 107 in his second, and Borg 112 in his second game.

There was only one score of 100 or over made by Second Division, this being Evans' 106 in his third game.

Following this match, Seventh Division met First Division and won by the narrow margin of 45 pins.

Seventh Division—1,059
First Division—1,014

There were no really high scores to comment upon during



The Wahoes team which surprised Softball fans on Sunday by their narrow victory over W. Idcats.

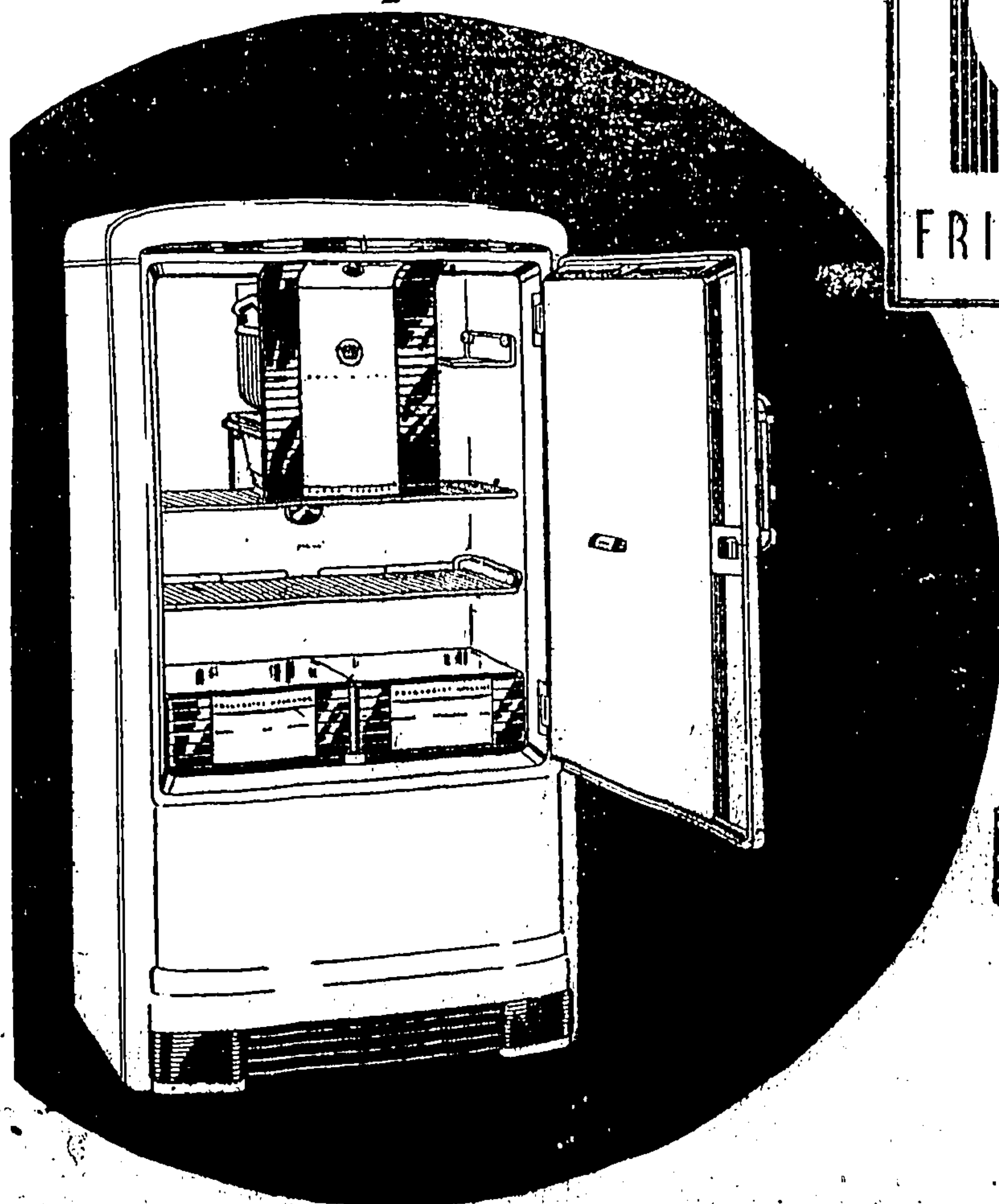
this match, all players being more or less evenly matched. In fact the feature of this match was the comparatively close scores of all players, the lowest being 243 and the highest 289. There was no score of 100 or over although Hofman of Seventh Division almost accomplished this with 99 in his second game.

The average for Seventh Division worked out at 88.25 pins per player per game, and the average for First Division 84.5.

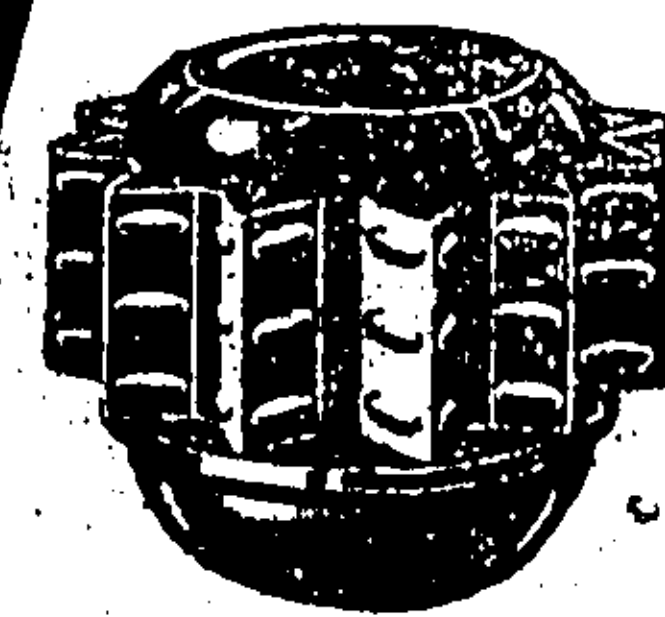
H.K.C.C. TEAM TO MEET K.C.C.

The following will represent the H.K.C.C. 1st XI against the K.C.C. at Chater Road to-morrow at 2 p.m.:—T. A. Pearce (Capt.), L. T. Ride, M. F. Haymes, H. Owen Hughes, L. D. Kilbee, Capt. D. C. E. Grose, J. Hsley, W. J. Finnie, D. O. Parsons, D. S. Robb, C. W. E. Bishop.

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To Sink Certain Spanish Ships Without Warning

Admiralty Disclosure

SECRET ORDERS to Italian submarine commanders to sink certain Spanish merchantships without warning, were revealed by the British Admiralty yesterday.

The order in question was recovered after a successful attack on an Italian submarine and was issued by Admiral of Squadron Mario Falangola and has now been photographed.

A translation of the order reads: "Subject: Attacking merchant ships flying the Spanish flag. Secret: I send herewith a copy of marcosen no. 4087 of the 2nd inst. for your information. (Signed) Sausito Setim, Captain of Corvette."

"Inform units under your command that ships flying the Spanish flag, belonging to Ybarra and Pinillos shipping companies, and leaving and coming from Casablanca and sailing towards Lisbon, must be attacked without warning."

Ships' Markings

"Steamers of the Ybarra company have a black funnel with the letters AV interlaced in white. The house flag is black and bears the same monogram in white."

"The Pinillos company has no particular markings. It appears to own the ships Sil, Airo, Celta, of 2,500 tons, 800 and 1,200 tons respectively."

(Signed) Mario Falangola, Vice-Admiral Commanding Submarines."

According to Lloyd's Shipping Register the Ybarra shipping company of Seville owns 21 ships, and the shipping company Miguel

Martore de Pinillos of Cadiz, Spain, owns nine ships -- Reuter.

18 ITALIAN 'PLANES DESTROYED

THE ITALIAN AERODROME of Benina, near Benghazi -- important Italian base on the Libyan coast -- was the subject of one of the heaviest raids of the war in the Western Desert on Tuesday night.

Many tons of bombs were dropped and great damage caused to aircraft and buildings, stated a British Air Force communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

The British 'planes arrived in waves and fires started by the first flight increased in each subsequent attack.

Numerous explosions occurred

DANISH SHIPS FOR BRITAIN?

THE WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT OF THE "NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE" SAYS THAT IT IS REPORTED THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL BUY 30 OR MORE DANISH SHIPS AT PRESENT TIED UP IN AMERICAN PORTS AND WILL LEASE THEM TO BRITAIN.

It is also reported that the U. S. Maritime Commission has sold to Britain 16 cargo-ships of nearly 150,000 tons.--Reuter.

SUDDEN DEATH OF DR. KALLIO

Kyoesti Kallio, Finland's 66-year-old President, died in dramatic circumstances yesterday within a few hours of the election of a new President to take over the duties which ill-health had prompted him to renounce.

As outgoing President, M. Kallio drove through the crowded streets of Helsinki last night, past lines of torch-bearers, on his way to retirement on a farm in the country.

At the station he was received by a guard of honour. As he was passing along its ranks he suddenly collapsed with a heart attack and died soon afterwards.

M. Kallio is replaced as President by the Prime Minister, M. Ryti.

According to the first count of the voting in the electoral college for the new President, M. Ryti received 288 out of 300 votes.--Reuter.

DEFENCES IN ALBANIA CRACK

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whole world watches you with admiration.

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"The blows you have dealt have placed the enemy in a very difficult position. A great part of his forces are dispersed and demoralised."

"The enemy is giving way before you and in Africa before the British."

General Papagos expressed the certainty that the enemy would be hurled back into the sea.--Reuter.

AVOIDED FARE

Claiming to be the "Assistant Director" of the Asia Life Insurance Company, Lee Ping-pui, 23, was fined \$20 by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning for avoiding payment of ferry fare whilst travelling from Yau-mati to Hong Kong yesterday.

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STOP PRESS

Commenting on Mr. Matsuo's speech and his anxiety over United States interest in Far Eastern affairs, the Tokyo "Asahi Shimbun" says that in a sense the appointment of Admiral Nomura as Ambassador in Washington will be regarded as Mr. Matsuo's last trump card, played in order to make the United States understand the just and fair aims of Japan and is nothing but his last effort to improve relations between the two countries.--Reuter.

"Defendants cannot plead ignorance. Warnings were published in both the Chinese and English Press immediately after the prices were fixed by Government," declared Mr. F. W. Shaftain, Assistant Director of Criminal Investigation, before Mr. G. T. Lowry, in the Central Police Court this afternoon, when 32 summonses against rice dealers for selling rice at rates higher than those fixed by the authorities, were adjourned to Monday.

Fifteen of the defendants are being represented by Mr. J. M. d'Almada-Remedios, and one by Mr. M. A. da Silva.

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A.R.P. TUNNELS PROGRESS

Progress in construction of A.R.P. shelters is now well ahead of schedule, the "China Mail" learned this morning from Wing-Commander A. H. Steele-Perkins, Director of A.R.P.

The Director disclosed that the shelters in Blake Gardens have been completed and can accommodate some 1,000 people.

A new tunnel is being bored in Hill Road, while new "pen" shelters have been started elsewhere in the Colony.

The Leighton Hill A.R.P. Tunnel will be much larger than was expected and will be able to accommodate between 8,000 and 10,000 people.

Owing to the absence of rock, it is intended to bore right through to the other end of the hill.

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